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PREFACE OF WM. P. UPHAM

Who Copied These Records

Salem—May 31, 1871

The following Copy of the first book of records of Wenham has been made by me under the direction of the town authorities of Wenham and at the special request of Mr. Wellington Pool, the present Town Clerk, whose intimate acquaintance with the history of Wenham has enabled him to render me valuable assistance.

The Copy contains all that there is in the original record book, arranged, for convenience of reference in chronological order. The original paging, however, is given in the margin in order to enable anyone consulting the Copy to know the relative position in the original book of each part of the record, and also to refer easily from the Copy to the original.

The original record is much worn and in some places difficult to read. One of the original covers is lost; and also one leaf; but it appears to have been a blank leaf.

Paging

The book was paged by William Rogers, Town Clerk in 1717, the pages being numbered from the beginning and from the end of the book; and in the middle of the book, where the one series of paging meets the other, he made the following entries:

"There is in this book one hundred and sixty-five pages till it cometh to the turning the other end upward—in the year 1716/17; and for the last six year past.

"William Rogers Town Clerk."

"There is in this end of the Book to this place eighty seven pages till it comes to the turning the other end upwards on this.

March the 15th 1716/17:

William Rogers Town Clerk.

The wholl in the Booke is 252 pages."

The paging from the end of the book when referred to in the Copy is indicated by a line written over the number.

Everything in the Copy which is not in the original is written in italics, except the Index.

The spelling and punctuation of the original has been strictly followed in the copy. Interlined words are indicated by being inclosed between perpendicular lines, and doubtful words by being inclosed between brackets.. . .

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(Some miscellaneous entries that could not well be placed in chronological order will be found at the end of the copy (Vols.)).

(The index contains every name found in the record and is also a general index of places and of subjects.)

On the second page from the end of the book are some entries written in Dutch, apparently a list of property owned by some Dutch merchant, and dated July 14, 1650. This is not in the Copy.

On the outside page at the beginning of the book is written:

"A Towne
Booke
Anno Dom̃ 1653
January ye 3 Day"

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* The 2 day of ye first month [1642]

Twenty acres by the meeting house, given by Mr. Smith and Mr. Fiske

There is given unto Wenham Twenty acres of ground being laid out of eyther side of ye meeting house. Ten acres given by M[r] Smith out of his fearme & laid out by him beginning with the bounds at ye upper end of Phinehas Fiske Lott & soe to ye swampe: & the other Ten acres given by M[r] John Fiske being laid out Joyneing to it on ye other side of ye meeting house:

Tenure of land about the meeting house.

It is ordered & agreed upon at this our meetinge yt such as have any ground graunted of that which is given to ye Towne which lyes about ye meetinge house, such shall come and live upon it themselves, & if not to lay it downe to ye plantation, & if any shall build upon it &c & after remove themselves & make sale of the same it is ordered that the Plantation shall have the first profare & give there answere in a short time before they make sale of it to any other.

12 Day of ye 3mo 1643.

Grant of two acres, by the meeting house, to Mr. Hubbard

There is graunted Two acres of Grownd by ye meeting house to M^{r} Hubbard for ye easement of his family upon ye conditions specified in ye former Order.

13 Day of ye 9mo (43)

Order as to receiving strangers.

It is ordered & Joyntly agreed yt whosoever of this towne shall receauie into his family upon and pretence whatsoever any Inmate from out of any other Towne the master of ye said family shall give notice thereof unto such of our Towne who are Selectmen within one weeke after the comeing of any such a one into his house upon ye forfeiture of Twenty shillings & in cause the partie shall not be allowed by ye Towne there to abide or elsewhere within ye liberties of ye Plantation that then the said person, who beng in or receaive into his family the said inmate, to procure such good & sufficyent securitie to lay in unto the Towne as they shall like of for the discharge of the toune of any Inconveniences or damage as may be liable to accrue unto this towne in the future by reason of any such act, & in default thereof the said person shall forfitt for every weeke any such inmate shall bide under his roff the vallew of five shillings per weeke unto the Towne to be paid in upon demand to the constable for the use of the Towne aforesaid, & upon default the constable to have power to distraine therefore according as in other causes touching distresses.

4 Day of ye 10mo 1643:

Grant of two acres to Esdras Read

Esdras Rread is graunted Two acres by ye meeting house, according to ye former order specifyed.

The 23 Day of ye 4mo 1644:

Grant to Richard Goldsmith

Richard Goldsmith have two acres graunted by the meeting house to dispose of which way he please.

Grant to Christr. Young

Christopher Yougs have Two acres graunted by ye meeting house according to ye order made ye 2 day of ye 1mo 1642.

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* The 13 of ye 6mo 1664:

Grant to John Abby

It is agreed at this Towne meetinge that John Abby shall have all that wast ground which lyeth betwine ye end of the Lott which he live upon & the middows which belonge unto the Towne leaving a sufficient hyeway of a poles bredth most convenient.

(Highway)

Ye 28 of November 1644

Wolves

At this meeting it is agreed that whosoever in Wenham shall kill a wolfe shall be allowed him for every wolfe that he killeth Twenty shillings & such to be paid by ye constable & the constable to have it raised by a rate upon the Towne.

Ye 4 Day of December 1644.

Clerk of the Writs

William Fiske is made choice of for Clarke of ye writts in this Towne.

Constable

Phinehas Fiske is chosen constable for this following yeere.

Grand jury

Esdras Read chosen Grandjuryman.

Ye 24: of December (44)

Order as to trees upon the Common

It is agreed at this meetinge that none shall fell a tree upon the Comon & cut it out for any thinge, to sell it out of the Towne to any; if any doe soe it is agreed that for every tree made use on as aforesaid, shall forfit ten shillings.

Lots in the Neck

It is alsoe agreed that those that have any Lotts in ye neck have libertie from the Towne to inclose in a common field, with a strait fence from ye right hand of ye cart bridge unto ye river by Richard Dodges against Thomas Princes Lott. Provided a common hye drift way for catle & carting be left out at ye discression of W^{m} Fiske & John Fayerfeild.

Highway

Order as to putting cattle in Common Fields

It is agreed that no inhabitant in this Towne shall have libertie to put in any catle into any common feild wherein corne is growinge untill the corne be gathered out of ye field upon the penalty of Two shillings six pence per head of every head soe put in to be paid to ye owners of said feild by him who put or cause to be put in the said catle & the satisfying of the dammage done in the said feild by such catle according as shall be Judged by Two Indifferent men.

14 of July (45)

William Fiske made choice of for Grandjury man for the following yeere. Grand Jury

(*On the inside of the cover at the end of the book*) Order about keeping dogs out of the meeting house

[*Torn off*] *ing* 19:4[m]:165[*3*]

[*Torn off*] was chosen

[*for the year? (Torn off)*] insuing to keep *the dogs out* of the meeting *house*: and if he doth it truly for every doge that he doth drive out he shall have six pence per yer for a doge.

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*1653 *[at the end of the book]

Engagements about the Mill

Ingagements to goodman Haws about the mill.

Goodman Walldron 00—03—00

Phineas Fiske too days himself & too oxen.

Goodman Spaulding too days workes.

Richard Goldsmith a day & hallf.

John Rogers too days workes.

Goodman Kemp a day himself man & foure oxen.

Austayn Killam too days workes.

Mark Batshilder too days workes.

Sargent Foster a day worke.

John Aby a day & a hallf.

Richard Hutten a day himself & his catell.

Wilyam Gear a day.

John Fiske 00—05—00.

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* The forfiture due to the Towne this yeere taken up by Rob[t] Gowing according to the towne order, Dated the 9 of Febuary 1653. * page 1 (End of the book)

List of forfitures

W[m] Fiske	3*
Edward Kempe	5
Esdras Read	3
Sergent Foster	3
Dan Kilham	8
Richard Goldsmith	2
Edw: Waldinge	1
Tho: Fiske	2
Phineas Fiske	2
G: Moulton	3

Marke Batchelder	1
Mr. Gott	1
G: Geere	2
Goodman Spoldinge	6
Good: Hutton	3
Jo: Shipely	3

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Town Rate

* The Towne Rate made this year 1653 by Austen Kilham: William Fiske & Phineas Fiske.

The Rate— 6[l]—14—6

Out of this Rate Phineas Fiske is to have	2[£]–6[s]–6[d]
W[m] Fiske is to have	1—2—5
Jo: Fiske	0–15—0
James Moulton	0–10—0
For the bell wch is behind paim[t]	1–19—0
Mending the meeting house	0—1—6
	6–14—5

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College Rate Sums given

* Given to ye College: 1653

Mr. Fiske	13[s]—	Rice Edwards	0–01—6
James Moulton	06—	W[m] Singleton	0–03 0
Phineas Fiske	—06—	Jo: Fiske	0–05—0
Esdras Read	—05—	Neh: Howard	0–03—0
Richard Dodge	2[£]–00—	W[m] Gare	0–03—0
Edward Kemp	0–10—	Jo: Kilham	0–02—0
George Biam	0–05—	Richard Goldsmith	0–02—6
Robert Gowing	0–02—6	G: Spaldinge	0–02—0
Tho: Fiske	0—03—	W[m] Fiske	0–10—0
Dan[l] Kilham	0–02—6	Austen Kilham	0–06—0
Edmund Patch	0–03	G. Rogers	0–00—6
Jo: Shipley	0–02—6	Sam Foster	0–02—0

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Commissioner

Selectman

Grand jury

County Rate

Clerk of the Writs

* This 6 of August 1654:—

Mr. Gott is leaguly chosen commissionr & Cellect man: & James Moulton Grainmury man.

John Fisk chosen to Joyn with the Celect men to make the Country Ratte.

Tho Fiske chosen Cleirke of the writts.

Highway at the Great Meadow

It is Also ordered at this town metting that the highway that is begun in the great midows shall be finished by the thirteenth day of this present month & whosoever shall then be defective shall pay the Damag that is Receaved by any for want herof.

Innkeeper (Ordinary)

Samuel Foster is made choic of the keep an ordinary;

Constable
Selectman
Jury of Trials
Commissioner

Att this town metting this 7th of Novembr 1654 John Fiske chosen Constable:
Phineas Fiske Celect man
Thomas Whitt for Juery of Trialls
& Wm Gear commissioner to end small causes.

Selectmen

At this town meeting this first of Janeuary 1654 Phineas Fiske & Mr Charles Gott & John Fiske are leagaly chosen for Celect men for this folowing yere:

Commissioner

Allso: Mr. Gott & Phineas Fiske & William Gear are chosen to be commissioners to end small causes for this following yere

Surveyor of the Pound

Allso: Thomas Fiske is chosen Sirveyr of the pound & to have four penc for every impounding & John Fiske is chosen Clerk of the Market.

Clerk of the Market

* Also it is ordered at this our meeting that all Generall fences shall bee set up by ye first of April next.

(* page 7)

Surveyors of Fences

It: Robert Hawes & Edward Walderne a chosen Sirveiors of fences.

Minister's Rate

It is Allso ordered yt by ye last of present month every inhabitant within this towne shall make full paiment to Mr. Fiske in manner and matter ye full sume wch they were Rated for ye yeere now past & in case any person shall be defectine John Fiske hath heerby granted him full power to distraine for ye satisfying ye said ingeagment & for every ones discharge they are to bring a discharge from Mr. Fiske unto ye aforesaid John.

James Moulton & Richard Huton are chosen Sirveyers of ye high wayes.

Surveyors of Highways
Cow keeper

It is ordered that every inhabitant of this towne shall be liable to paye to ye kowe keeper for their chattells hearding whither they will put them to ye keeper or not

unless they put them out of the town to keepe or keepe them in their own inclousers.

The 6 of 12 mo: 1654.

Minister's maintenance

It is ordered yt ye yeerely maintainance of our minister shall be fortie pounds a yeere whither M^r^ Fiske staye & setell amongst us or we procure another.

Committee to give Mr. Miller a call

Mr. Gott James Moulton & John Fiske are chosen to goe to M^r^ Miller to give him a caull to supply M^r^ Fisks plac in cause he leaveth us.

Lease of Redington farm

Robert Gowine & Thomas Fisk are chosen to goe & treate with Abraham Redington about ye procureing his Lease of his farme.

(* page 8)

* This first daye of March 1655 |Thomas Fiske is appointed recorder by ye Celect*men*| there is graunted unto |sd| Tho: Fiske for recording of every towne order two penc per order.

Town Recorder (Clerk)

Order as to Swine

Allso it is is ordered by the Celect men that all swine shall be yoaked that is to say all swine above a quarter of a yeere old to be yoaked with yoakes standing up 5 inches above there necks & if they be a year old to be 9 inches longe of each syde & all swine under a quarter old shall eyther be yoaked or elc there owners to paye the Dammage which is don by such swine & in cass any shall not observe this order shall forfit one shiling per swine unto whoever shall find any swine unyoaked, provided: it be after Leagall warning which shall be two dayes: this order to be in force on the tenth daye of April next ensueing.

Fences

It is also ordered that whoesoever shall not observe suficantly to repaire & maintaine all there fences by the first of April next insueing according to the former order made: the first of Januery 1654: shall be liable to paye doubell Dammage which any shall receive by reason of such defective fences.

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14 October 1655.

Constable

Robert Hawes chosen Constabel

Grand Jury

Austen Killim chosen for granieurey man for the following yeere.

Petit Jury

Samuel Foster Petie Jureyman for the Court following.

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31 December 1655.

Commissioners

Mr. Got Phinehas Fiske Robert Gowin are leagally chosen for Commissioners for this following yeere.

(*see page 9)
Selectmen

*Mr Got Phinehas Fiske & Richard Hutton are chosen to be Celect men for the following yeere.

Fences at the Great Meadow

Whereas Great Dammage hath bine don to ye Great midow by Cattells feeding of it it is therefore ordered that Every inhabitent of this towne who hath midow therein & is thereby concerned in the Case shall make or cause to be made ther proportions of the fenc—that is to say two Rayles or equelant thereunto by the |8th| day of Aprill next Insueing upon the forfit of 12^{d} per poalt for every person neglecting the same: & the Celect men have herby power Graunted them to doe it or cause it to be don & to give the forfit which is 12 per poall to whoesoever will doe it—& James Moulton Richard Hutton Samuell Foster Daniel Killim & Thomas Fiske are chosen to proportion the above said fenc & Richard Hutton & Thomas Fiske are chosen to aquaint those of Salem who have midow in the great midow & if they refuse to doe it, then the aforesaid men Richard & Thomas have power Granted them to deall with them according to Lawe.

(*Page 10)
Mr. Brock

* It is ordered that in case M^{r} Brock be procured to staye amongst us whatsoever the towne hath ingaged or shall be levied upon any land shall be paid two third parts in wheat barley or peas butter or porke & the other third parte in indian corne—& Mr. Got Phinehas Fiske & John Fiske are chosen to receive in the paye for M^{r} Brocks use.

5th June 1656—

Jury of Trials

At this Towne Meeting John Fiske is chosen for to serve in the Jury of Trialls the next Courte at Salem.

Surveyors

Also James Moulton & Thomas Fiske are chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for ye following yeere.

6th of January 1656—

Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske Richard Hutton are leagaly chosen for Celect men for this yeere following:

It: Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske & Robert Gowing are chosen for Commissioners for this yeere following.

Titles of Lands to be Certified and Recorded

Whereas there are severall percals of lands in the bounds of our Town which are holden by severall persons by Doubtful Titles its therefore ordered: that the Celect men anually chosen shall hereby be impowered to take Notic of all titles of lands that shall by any person be brought to there knowledg & allow of the same: & to certifie the same to the Recorder who is impowered to Record the same |*Grant & Grantee| all which lands being so Recorded shall be accounted a leagall title to all such lands.

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Fences

Also its ordered: that all fences within our Towne shall be sufficantly Repaired & made viz: a sufficant fine raill fenc or equivelant thereunto: by the first day of Aprill next & whoever shall not observe to Repaire there fences as aforesaid shall forfit six penc per poall for every dayes neglect & the said forfiture to returne to the vewers of fences:

Fence Viewers

It: Phinehas Fiske Austen Kilham & Wm Rayner are chosen for vewers of fences for this following yeere.

Order as to Swine

It is ordered: that all swine shall be sufficantly yoked & ringed or elc shutt up by the first day of Aprill next: & so to continue yoaked & ringed untill a fortnight after Micklmas daye next insueing & whoever shall not observe ye said order shall forfit six penc per swine for every one thats found unyoaked & ringed:

After 3 dayes warning given them by Henery Kemball & Jo: Powling who are impowered to looke to ye observanc of the abovesaid order & to take the forfiture & if the said Henerys or John Powlings swine shall not be yoaked & ringed according to the above said order they shall be liable to the same forfiture to whom soever taketh them unyoaked & ringed after due notic given them.

(*Page 12)

Order as to procuring a Minister

* Att a Towne meeting this 6 of 12 mo: 1656.
its ordered that whereas the Towne hath takne into Consideration the great wante of a Minister amongst us its therefore ordered: that Mr. Gott & James Moulton is hereby chosen to Endeav^{r} to procure a minister & to present him with the promise of 45$^{£}$ per yere for his yerely maintainanc

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(*Page 16)

Rate for Mr. Newman

* At a towne meeting on ye 8th of November 1657.— there is agreed by a unanimous consent of we whose Names are underwritten that Mr. Newmans payment for this present yeere shall be as followeth: viz: for the sume & for maner: to be paid one halfe in wheat or equivalent thereunto & the other halfe in Indian Corne at marchants pric:—

	£ s		£ s
Richard Kemball	×3—0—	Mark Batchelder	×1–10—
James Moulton		Jo. Batchelder	×0–15—
Sen. & Jun.	×5—0—	Robert Gowing	×1—5—
Tho: Fiske	×2—5—	Richard Gooldsmith	1–10—
Jo: Fiske	×3–00—	Robert Gowing	1—5—
Henry Kemball	×1–07—	Richard Goldsmith	×1–10—
Austen Kilham	×1–10—	Jo: Powling	×1—6—
Daniel Killim	×2–00—	Tho: White	×2–00—
Mr. Gott	×2–00—	Jo: Soolard	×2–05—
Richard Hutton	2—5—	Francis Uselton	1–14—
Jo: Rogers	×0—8—		
Jo: Killim	×1–10—		42–19—
Henery Hagett	×1—4—	*Richard Dodge and	
Jo: Abey	×1–05—	Robert Cobrun	4–00—
Edward Walderne	×1–00—	Edmond Patch	0–06—
Phineas Fiske	×3–00—	Humphery Gilbert	1–00—
		Charles Uzelton	0–05—
		Edward Cobrun	1—0

* These six names entered on the opposite page (p. 15) of the original

The wheat and what is equivelent thereunto within three weeks: at Goodman Moltons and the indian upon Demand of those that are deputed to gather in the said payment.

(*page 17)

* Also James Moulton & Thomas Fiske are chosen to gathere in the foresaid contribution for M^{r} Newmans use.

Constable
Jury of trials
Grand Jury

James Moulton chosen Constable for this following yere. Jo Fiske to serve on the Jury of trials at ye Next Court: & Robt Gowin Grain-jury man for this following yere.

The 4th 11 mo: 57—

Selectmen

At this towne metting Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske & Richard Kemball chosen for Celect men for this following yeer:

House &c.
for
Mr. Newman

It: there is also unanimasly voated that ye towne shall allowe towards Mr Nemans house the sume of fortie pounds sterling & ten pounds more towards the procureing of other accomadations.

(*page 3)

* 6th: 8 mo: 58

Stray cattle

James Moulton Junior takn up a straye yerling prized: at 26 shillings.

Marke Batchelder takn up a straye Ass prized at 35s— 10: 8 mo: 58:

(*page 6)

Cow keepers
agreet wht
them

* Articles of Agreement between ye towne & John Soolard & James Moulton Junr for their keeping ye Towne heard for this following yeere viz: to Begin on the first day Aprill Next & so to Keepe them untill Micklmase daye Beginning every morning at sun an houre high to drive out ye heard; & to Bring them hom at sun halfe an houre high at night faithfully & truely endevoire |to Keep them| or to do ther best| according to ye abovesd time or elc to cause them to be Kept by a sufficant man in there Absenc For which Covenant & Agreement on ye behalfe of ye abovesd parties to be performed: observd & don:= ye Towne doe hereby promise to paye to ym 13s per weeke :=viz one halfe in wheat & ye other halfe in Indian Corne onely what worke is paid according to Agreement to be accompted as one halfe wheat & ye other halfe in Indian=& ye Remainder of ye sume to be paid in marchertable wheat & corne as aforesd ye wheat at 8 weeks after Micklemas next & ye Indian on Crismas daye: at their houses: & James is to Blowe his horne every morning he driveth out ye heard: & John Soolard to have a

cow heard free: & they to have one to goe wth them untill they leave goeing into the Midows. 14th 1: mo. 58/59.

Charles Goff
Austen Killim
Richard Kemball

John OO Soolard
his marke
Tomos mouton

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* 3 of 11 mo: 1659

Austen Killim Richard Hutten & William Geare chosen for Selectmen for this following yeare. (*page 17)

Selectmen

Its allso voated that ye towne shall make up what our Neighbrs shall Contribute to our Ministers maintenanc for this yeare 50£ to be paid by voluntarye inscription.

Minister's Maintenance

Austen Killim & Marke Batchelder are impowered to Colect Mr Newmans contribution for the Last yeare:

Mr. Newman's Payment

Richard Coye & Thomas Fiske are chosen to take an accompt of our Neighbrs what they will allow to our Ministers maintainanc & to Colect his said maintainanc for this yeare, *that is to say to Demand it in case of defect of payment & to distraine if need require & the towne doe Agree to paye in their ingagements at Mr. Newmans house on the first daye of February next Insueing.

Minister's Maintainance

(*page 18)

* Henery Herick & Samuell Corning are desired to meett with our Neighbrs of Wenham to goe in perambulation betwin Wenham & our towne & are hereby impowered to set the bounds according to lawe.—13: 12: 1660 Edmond Batter is the name of the Select men of Salem.

Perambulation Salem Vote

That what is above entrd is a true entry of the order signd as above so. Attests Thos Sprko recorder

Henery Herrick & Samuell Corning being appointed to goe in perambulation with some of Wenham & soe to set bounds according to lawe did on the 14th of 12th mo: 1660 agree that the greate stumpe neere Leeches medowe & so markeing

Bounds—Wenham & Salem

* *Note—It seems that this record as to the bounds between Wenham & Salem should come after that of* 11th *of* 12th *mo:* 1660 (*See below page* 26) *It is entered here as found in the original.* (*W. P. U.*)

severall trees in the rang to the lower end of Lords farme to a white oake standing on the side of Alfords hill are the bounds.

Witness theire hands— Gonory Gorifo
Samuell Doxning

(*page 10)

* 24th of ye 12 month 1659:

Cow keeper

It is ordered & leagally voated that there shall be a Kowkeeper procured in case the Select men can doe it:

Its also ordered that all steers aged under three years shall paye to ye Kowe Keeper as other cattle & |all| ox[*en*] to paye for halfe: proportion:

Fences

It is also ordered yt all fences shall bee sufficiantly repaired & ma*de* |by the 15th of March next| viz. a fine rayll fenc or equivelent thereunto: upon the forfiting of three shillings per rod to be paid to Robert Gowin Richard Coye & Thomas Fiske who are hereby impowered to the vewing of the sd fences: whoe are impowered to take ye said forfitiers & forthwith to ca*use* it to be don.

Meeting House to be covered

Also it is ordered that ye meeting house shall forthwith be covered with Boards: & for the Defrayeing of the cost the Select men are impowered to make a rate for that end:

Order as to Swine

All swine shall eyther be yoaked |sufficien[tly]| or shutt up by the 15th of March next upon the forfiteing of 12d for every swine that shall be found Defective & Alexander Maxey & John Powland are to take the said forfit & to yoake the said swine sufficiantly.

Grant to Mr. Newman

There is Granted to Mr Newman a strip of the Towns Land for an inlargement to his yard: that is to saye so much as hee think fitt provided he preduice not the Country road: which is left to the Discreiton of John Fiske & Richard Coye to order

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22 of 1 mo: 1659/60

(*page 12)
Highway by Thos. Fiske's house

Its orderd yt there shall be a high waye from the Country high waye to Thomas Fisks house: & so from thenc to the waye leading to the Greate Meddow from Mr Newmans: according as it is & hath bin made use of.

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22 of March 1659/60 (*page 5)

Cowkeepers; Agreement with them

This Indentur made between John Killim & John Abeye on the one party & the Towne on the other parte Witneseth that ye Aforesaid John Killim & John Abey Doe by these presents covenant & Agree with the towne: yt they will Kepe the towne heard for this Sumer following viz. to Begine on ye Second Daye of Aprill Next faithfully to Keepe them untill Micklmase Daye following Beginning or Driveing out theire Cattle at |ye Sunn| ¾ of an houre high in the morning Dayly & to Bring them home: at Sunn ½ an houre high at Night & to take them every morning betwine Mr Browns Swampe & the Lañe that Goeth to Thomas Fisks house: & also in Austen Killims yard: & to Blowe an horne at ye said plac[es] every morning sufficantly to give notic when they goe out & at night when they come home & in Case the said Keepers shall putt a Keeper in in thir absence it shall be a sufficant man upon ye forfiture of ther wages. The towne doe Ingeage likewise to them to paye them for thire servic 13 per weeke: in Corne viz one halfe wheate & the other halfe Indian Corne: by the 29th of December Next & the Corne & worke ingeaged to be paid at 3 dayes warning: Wittnese our hands:

John X Killim
his marke
John X Abey
his marke

1659

An Ingeagement of the town to Mr Newman for this present yeere. (*page 22)

Contributions for Mr. Newman

Phinehas Fiske	2£x10s to Content
Mr Gott	3×00 Corn or equivelent
Austen Killim	2×00 all Corne
Henery Kemball	1£x00 halfe corne
Richard Kemball	3×05 to Content
Richard Hutton	2×10 — —
Robert Gowin	1×00 — —
James Moulton Senr	3×00 to Content
John Dodg	2×15: ⅓ part Corne
John Fiske	3×00 — —

Daniell Killam	1×10	—	—
John Soolard	2×00	to Content	
John Powling	1×05	in Corne	
John Abey	1×05	corn & cattle	
Marke Batchelder	1×05	to Content	
Richard Goldsmith	1×05	Corne	
James Moulton Jun^{r}	1×00	to Content	
Alexander Maxey	1×02	—	—
William Geare	1×05	—	—
Edward Walderne	×1—00	—	—
Henery Hagett	×1—05	—	—
Jn^{o} Killim	1×05	—	—
John Batchelder	×1—00	—	—
Abner Ordwaye	×1—00	—	—
Tho: White	×1—00	—	—
Richard Coye	2×10	—	—
Tho: Fiske	2× 5	—	—

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Meeting house

* [ ] October 1660

Its ordered that there shall be a new meeiting house Built 24 foott square & 12 foott stud: the old meeting house to be sold partly to defraye the Cost & the Select men are impowered to put it out to the Building [* *& to make the rate for the said house*].

(*page 11)

* [ ] November 1660

Richard Kemball & Richard Coye are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to put out the New Meetting house to the building & to make a rate [for] the said house.

(*page 12)

* 4th of December 1660.

Its ordered y^{t} if a new meetting house be built the old shall be sold partely to Defraye y^{t} said Cost: viz: as farr as it will goe:

Mr Gott Austen Killim & Richard Kemball are Chosen to act in the towns Behalfe eyther for the Building of a neew meeting house or elc for the repairing of the old which they |shall| thinke fittest=wch cost to be Defrayd according to the subscription made for the said worke onely as abovesaid the old house is to be sold for the New if they shall agree to Build it—alwayes provided that it be wholly finished except Seats makeing.

* *One line cut (or torn) off at the bottom of the page in the original.*

*Austen Killim	0—10[s]	(*page 1)
Phinehas Fiske	01—00	This List has no date but seems to be the "Subscription" referred to in the vote of Dec. 4, 1660
Henery Haget	00—05	
Goodman Moulton	01—10	
if the new	10	
Goodman Abey	00—08	
Goodwin Gowin	00—08	
Goodman Walderne	00—04	
Henery Kemball	00—10	
Goodman Ordway	01—00	
to a new house or to the old	00—04	
Goodman Powlin	00—10	
John Fiske	01—00	
Daniell Killim	01—00	
Richard Hutton	01—00	
Richard Coye	00—10	
James Moulton		
to a new house	01—00	
to the old house	00—02	
William Fiske	00—05	
Tho: Fiske	01—00	
*John Soolard		(*page 2)
when the worke is Don if before he remove	1 £—00	

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* 8th of 11 mo: 1660 (*page 12)

An. Town Meeting

Mr Gott Austen Kilham & Phinehas Fiske are Chosen for Selectmen for this following yeare: & are hereby impowered to Call town meettings & to hire a Cow Keeper or Keepers & to levey the Cost according to a former order.

Selectmen

Commissioners

Mr. Gott Phinehas Fiske & Robert Gowin chosen for Commissioners.

John Safford, Grant to

It is also ordered y[t] in Case John Safford shall Com. amongst us as an inhabitant within 8 months & so Contine seaven years useing his trade he shall have all the towns Land [*near*] John Batchelders let it be more or less

(*page 13) & in *case he* shall Goe *awaye** before the aforesd time be expired then the said Land to returne to ye towne provided the towne allow him his Cost yt he shall Bestow on it.

Rate Richard Kemball & Richard Coye are Chosen to Joyn with the Select men for perfecting of an old Rate formally made for the |Defrayeing of| severall towne charges.

Mr. Newman Richard Coye & Tho: Fiske are chosen to See that Mr. Newman's contribution be paid in according to the inscription made to that end.

11th of 12 mo. 1660.

Meet[s] house Its ordered that in Case the Comitie Chosen to transact the matter in the towns Behalfe for Building or repayreing the meeting house shall thinke meett to rapayre the said house the Cost shall be Defrayed by waye of rate made by the said Comitie:

Bounds of Salem & Wenham (See above, page 18) Also Richard Hutton & Tho: Fiske are chosen to repaire to Salem for the perfecting of our Bounds Betwixt Salem & us.—

(*Page 19)

* 4th November 1661.

Robt. Macklaflin Robert Mackclafflin is accepted a townsman.

An. Town meeting Selectmen At a towne meetting 6th of 11th 1661 Mr. Gott John Fiske & Richard Kemball chosen Selectmen of this following yere.

Grant to John Abey & Ed[d] Walderne Granted to John Abey Sen[r] & Edward Walderne Joyntly to them & to be eaqually divided betwine them all that towne land that lyeth betwine theire lotts & the highwaye that goes from the greate pond brooke to Edward Waldernes house leaving a sufficiant highwaye.

to R. Macklaflin There is also granted to Robert Macklaflin a percill of lande be it more or less lying betwin Mr. Fiskes farme & Richard Kemballs joyning to Mr. Fiskes medow provided it exceed not two acres.

to J. Batchelder Granted to John Batchelder twelve Rod of land joyning his howse provided it predjedice not the highwaye.

to E. Bridges Granted to Edmund Bridges two acres of land out of that which was layd out to the meetting howse to be his

& his heires provided he staye in the towne fowre yeres & in Case he shall remove before the above said term be expired then the towne shall allowe him all his Cost that he shall bestowe upon it & the land to returne to the towne anything in this Grant notwithstanding unlese he the sd Edmond shall Dye within the said term, then the said land shall be his heires forever. (*page 20)

Also John Fiske & Thomas Fiske are impowered & Desired to laye out the aforesd Grants to John Batchelder & Edmond Bridges.

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13 of 11 mo: 1661

Its voated that Mr Newmans Contribution for this present year shall be Gatherd by waye of Rate: which Rate is to be made by the Select men & Richard Hutton and Thomas Fiske. Mr. Newman's Rate

The Select men together with Goodman Abey John Soolard, John Killim & Goodman Waldern are Desired to laye out a conveniant high waye from the Cart Bridg goeing over into the Neck to the towne Common. Highway

Its also voated that our Comon of 600 Akres lyeing beyond the Neck shall be Eaqually Devided betwixt the Inhabitants of the towne. Common of 600 acres

3 of 12 mo; 1661.

Its voated that the majr voate of the towne shall Determine of the maner how to devid the towne Comon as is aforementioned.

At a towne meetting 5th of 11 mo: 1662 An. Town Meeting

Austen Killim Goodman Moulton & Thomas Fiske chosen Select men for this following yeere: Selectmen

Also: its aggreed that Mr Newmans yeer for Contribution shall be accompted from Maye last: to be gatherd by waye of Rate made by the Select men & Richard Hutton & Daniell Killim. (*page 21) Mr. Newman's Rate

Its also orderd yt our meeting house shall be repaired by ye first daye of July next Insueing viz: to board the out sids [& ends] & put in fowre Growndsils & lath the Inn sids & ends & make a wholl wall of claye: plasterd upon the laths [all] workmanlike: to which end Richard Meeting House

Kemball Jn° Fiske James Freind & Thomas Fiske are chosen to see y^t^ the worke be Done as abouesd—the towne being devided into fowre parts: & every squar darne amongst themselves to agree of a waye for the Doeing of the sd worke & in Case the severall Squarderns Cannot agree of a waye for there proportioning |eaqually| then the other three men Chosen shall & have hereby power to deside the sd Controversie & Whoesoever shall wholly Deserte the said worke to forfitt thirtie shillings to the rest of thire Company & whoever shall in parte Decline the sd worke to forfite 5^s^ per daye & the said forfits being Demanded whoever |being a Delinquent| shall refuse or neglect to paye them the aforesaid overseers have full power to sue for & recover the same or by the Constable Destraine for it.

(*page 22)

Meeting House

* 21 of August 1663

Wee have Agreed to Build a new Metting house & the Agreement for repaireing of the old house is hereby repeald & also have made choice of Richard Kemball M^r^ Gott Thomas White to Joyn with the Select men who together are impowerd to put out the Aforesd house to the Building acording to theire Discretion & for the Defrayeing of the Cost they are impowered to Sell the old house & parcill of land thereunto Belonging & to Except of w^t^ our Neighb^rs^: shall Contribut to the Abovesd worke upon such terms as they think fitt & for the remainder of the Abovesd Cost they are impowerd to Assese it by Rate upon the inhabitants of our towne.

An. Town Meeting

This 4: Janu: 1663:—

Selectmen

Astin Killum Richard Kemball Thomas Fiske Chosen Select men for this following year.

Grant to John Solard

At a towne meeting on the 4 Janu: —63: the towne by a generall voate hath given unto John Solard a small parcell of land of aboute sixt[ie] rods adioning to the above said John Solards land: the land being a kind of a triangell bounded from the post of the sd Solards garden running a right line to the corner post of the sd John Solards fense on the other side:

Attendance at Town Meetings

Also it is Agreed that who ever shall for time to Com be defective in Aperin & continuing at Leagall town metings we say to Com at the Generall town Meting at nin A Clock & other town metings at time apoynted shall pay half a Crown for the defect in the Generall Meting & eighteen pence for every other such defect.

(*page 23)

Meeting house Rate

The 19th of ye 11th mo: 1663: there was a Rate made (by the Select men together with others Chosen to Joyne with them) for the carrying on of our meeting house & Assignd & Deliverd into the Constables hand to Gather |parte of it| the Rate being 80£:3–8: who by order from the Aforesd Raters is forthwith to Gather in the one halfe of it in wheate & Indian or els in such paye as shall Carry on the Abovesd worke.

Bounds, Salem & Wenham

This 19 Febuary 1663 at a Towne Meetting Thomas Fiske Richard Hutton & Thomas White are Chosen to goe in way of perambulation Betwene the towne of Salem & the towne of Wenham together with some of Salem whome they shall send: this to be done & perfected by the last of March next ensueing the date heareof:

(*page 14)

* At a generall towne Meeting the
29th of 12mo: 1663:

Grant to Mr. Newman

there is Granted to Mr. Newman all the towne land lyeing betwixt his Gardine & the swamp on the back side let it be more or lese together with the towns Interest in the sd swampe be it more or lese.

Common of 600 acres

Also its voated that the towne order made formerly for the Devision of the Comon of 600 Akers is hereby repealed.

Common lands

Also tis ordered & Agreed that all Comon lands whither swampe or upland shall be & is hereby Approperated onely to them that are now towne dwelers unles such as shall be accepted afterwards.

Lease of 200 acres to Ordway &c.

Also tis Agreed yt there shall be 200 Akers of land |of ye best| of our Comon Lea[*sed*] to fowre men for one thousand years viz. to Abner Ordway Tho: Sear[les]

John Edwards & Richard Kemball Junir they yielding & payeing to the towne severally for every fiftie Akers 5s for the first yere & ten the 2d yere & 15s the 3d yere & 20s the 4th yere & 30s the 5th yeere & 40s for the 6th yere & so to paye yerely viz. 40s per yere Duering the Above sd terme to which end there is Richard Kimball & Richard Hutton Thomas White & Tho: Fiske chosen to Compleate the Bargine with them or any others whom they shall Aprove of in our names & on our Behalfe.

Also all the Above sd Rent is to be paid yeerely for the use of the ministry amongst us:

(*page 15)

* The Returne of land laid out to John Edwards.

John Edwards 50 acres

In persueanc of an order of our towne 29th of the 12th 1663 for the leaseing out of 50 Acres of land to John Edwards &c: the Comitte impowerd hath bounded said 50 acres as followeth—viz: to begin at a Cleft of rocks by the edg of Pleasant or long pond on the Southerly syd from thenc to a heape of stones which heape of stones lyes Southwesterly from said Cleft & from the heape of stones Southeasterly to a red oake marked on foure sydes standing nere Turnup Swampe: & so on the brook which Runs in said swamp |taking the brooke for a bound| untill it Com to the aforsd pond takeing in |the one halfe of| a slip of medow which lyeth on the East end of said pond as also the one halfe |of| a parcill of medow and swampe which lyeth from the northerly sid of said pond to Ipswich lyne thirtie rod in bredth from the westerly syde of the brook that runeth out of sd pond to Ipswich Round pond.

(*page 16)

R. Kemball &c. Lease 50 acres

* According to a town Act made on the 29th of the 12th month 1663: Richard Kemball Thomas White Richard Hutton & Thomas Fiske have in the Behalfe of the towne Leate out to Thomas Searles John Edwards & Richard Kemball Junir to each of them |theire heirs & Assigns| fiftie Akers of land Being parte of the towne Comon of 600 Akers for one thousand yeers according to the said order: to the performance whereof wee |the said| Thomas Searles John Edwards & Richard Kemball Doe Bind our selves our heirs Executors Administrators

& Assigns in witnes whereof we have heare unto sett our hands:—

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John V Edwards
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Richard Kemball
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Thomas Searles

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* The [3d] of January 1664— (*page 23)

An. Town Meetg.

Mr Gott Richard Kemball & Thomas Fiske Chosen for Select men for the following yeere.

Selectmen

Its also ordered that the Select men shall laye out acording to theire dicretion wt high wayes they think nessesary for the use of the towne.

Highways

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* 1 of January 1665:— (*page 24)

An. Town Meets

Richard Kemball Richard Hutton & Tho: Fiske Chosen for Select men for the following yeere.

Selectmen

Whereas there was a former ingagment to Mr Newman by a letter & the said ingagement seemingly suffering an objection to be made whither our Negbrs were intended in the said ingagement or no: & not being able to the satisfaction of all to Determine the said question doe now by our vote declare that wee will paye or cause to be paid to Mr Newman for his yeerly Contribution: the Sum̃ of fiftie pounds together with wt ele hath bin ingeaged viz: wood: which fiftie pounds are by our selves & Neighbrs |is| Joyntly paid in good kinde & for the time to Come the Rate for the abousd Contribution shall be made sometime in the eight month from yere to yere & wholly to be cleared by every person by the first, second daye in January from time to time: |also| Duely & Carefuly to carry him in two pounds of butter for every milch Kowe: to be paid by midsum̃er daye from time to time |as part of the said Some| & for the present yeere Jeremiah Watts & Marke Batchelder are Chosen to Colect Mr Newmans Contribution & see that every mans Rate be discharged by the first Daye of February next & in

Mr Newman agreet as to his yearly contribn

cass of non or defective payment the said Colecters together with the Constable are to destrayn upon his or theire goods for payment.

Mr. Newman's Rate

Goodman Abey Sen^{r} & John Clarke are Chosen to Joyn with the Select men to make M^{r} Newmans Rate for this yeere.

(*page 25)

Austen Killim Exchange of land

Meet^{g} house

* Its voated that Austen Killim shall have all that Land more or less that lyeth betwixt his farme & meadow upon Condition that the towne shall forever Injoy all that parcill of land which the meeting house stands upon being about 30 poalls: more or less from the Northwest Corner of the said meeting house upon a lyne to |ye Northeast corner of| M^{r} Newmans leantoo betwixt that lyne & his ditch: except a passage from his barrs Directly to the high waye.

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Austen II Killim
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Grant to Rich^{d} Goldsmith

Highway

Also: there is Granted to Richard Gooldsmith all that land betwixt the head of his lott & M^{r} Brownes meadow except such a high |way| as the Select men shall see Cause to laye out.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Jeremiah Watts is Chosen for to be the towne Sealer to Seiz waights & measurs: till another be Chosen.

Surveyors of Highways

Also the Select men together with Goodman Soolard & old Goodman Abey (who is chosen Sirvey^{rs}:) are impowered to see to the Repairing of all County & towne highwayes in the towne & are hereby impowered to Call together the Inhabitants of the towne to y^{t} end & whoever shall not attend the worke upon three dayes warning to com at sun an howre high in the morning shall for a dayes defect forfite five shillings to be paid to the said overseers for the use of the towne & 12^{d} for one hours defect to be gathered by the Constable by order from the Select men so to doe.

(*page 26)

* Its also agreed that the wholl towne shall both them selves & oxen carts or sleads according as the season serves: shall come together on ye next Mondaye if the season be fitt if not then the next Mondaye after if it be seasonable if not then the next fitting daye & upon defect

every such person shall for their defects be entered upon the Ministers Rate according to the Ratters Descretion.

The 7th of 11th mo: 1666

An. Town Meet[s] Selectmen

Mr. Gott Richard Kemball & Thomas Fiske Select men for this following yeere.

Surveyors

Jeremiah Watts & Daniell Killim Chosen for Sirvey[rs] for this following yeere.

9th of 11th mo 1665:

Mr. Newman

At a generall towne meeting leagally warned to agetate about a deferance betwixt M[r] Newman & the towne concerning our Ingeagment to him by a letter about 3 years sine sent to him: it was put to the voate whither the maj[r] parte of Inhabitants should Determine the said diferanc: it was Clerely Voated on the affirmitive: acordingly it as attended & put to the Voate whither they judged that the said ingeagment did oblidge the inhabitants to performe it amongst them selves the outsiters exempted & twas by the said Voate Determined on the Negative.

(*page 22)

Rate

* Delivered to the Constable a Rate for our Past[rs] Contribution Bearing Date 23[d] of Novem[r] 1666 Amounting to the Sume of 55[£]: 14[s]: 11[d]—this 3[d] of 2[d] mo: 67—

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* 8th of November 1667:

(*page 27)

Rate

Richard Huttn & Walter fairfield chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our minister's Rate for the present yeere.

Constable

James Moulton Jun[r] chosen for Constable for the following yeere.

Jury men

Marke Batchelder chosen for to serve on the Graind Jury & Richard Kemball Chosen for Jury of tryals.

5th of 11th mo: 1667.

Am. Town Meeting

Selectmen

Stocks &c.

M[r] Gott Richard Kemball Seni[r] & Thomas Fiske are Chosen for Select men for the following yeere, to act acording to Lawe & to provid stocks & pound weights & measurs—

Mr. Newman's Rate

Charles Gott Junir is chosen to Joyne with the Deacon to gather in Mr Newmans: Contribution |for this yeere| according to Rate & in Cass of Defect of payment by any person or persons according to a former order the said Colectors have full power given ym to sue for it & recover it according to Lawe: they or eyther of them have the said power:

Surveyors

Daniell Killim & John Killim are chosen for Sirveyrs to see that all high wayes within the towne be sufficantly Repaired upon Leagall warning given by ym to the town Inhabitants: from time to time acording to theire descretion: *& upon Defect of any person or persons according to the true intent of this order every such person shall forfit five shillings per daye.

(*page 28)

At a towne meeting on the 8th of 4 mo: 1668

Selectmen

Walter Fairfield is Chosen Select man for this Instant yeer untill our towne meeting in January next.

23th of 8th mo: 1668.—

Minister's Rate

Richard Huttn & John Clarke is Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our ministers Rate for this Instant yeere & to proportion to every man his share of wood according to the towns Ingeagment & every person in the towne is to see yt theire due & full proportions be [don] at or before ye last day of the next month upon the forfiture of double the pric or worth of theire said parte: & the said Defect or fines to be added by the Select men to their Rate & John Abey Senir & James *Bette & Alexander Maxey is Chosen to see to the wood Caryeing & they are desired to give in an account to the Select men.

Constable

Daniell Gott Chosen Constable for the following yeere.

* The 6th of 11th mo: 1668

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An. Town Meeting

John Fiske Marke Batchelder & Tho: Fiske Chosen for Select men for this following yeere.

* *written thus* [b e t t v]

Selectmen

Walter Fairefield & Richard Huttn chosen for Sirveyrs: for ye High wayes for this followeing yeere

Surveyors

Walter Fairefield Richard Kemball & Richard Huttn

are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to perfit the Devisionall lyne Betwixt Basriver & our towne. Bounds between (Beverly) Bass River & Wenham

James Moulton Seni[r] & Jerimiah Watts are Chosen to Colect Mr Newmans Rate & Whosoever shall not paye his proportion according to the said Rate by the first daye of February next it shall be the duty of the said Colectors to Returne the Rate to the Select men who shall Direct it by warant to the Constable to be Gathered forthwith according to Lawe— Mr. Newman's Rate

Walter Fairefield Charles Gott & Thos. Fiske are |Chosen &| impowered to Demand Sue for & Recover the Remainders of the Rates due to Mr. Newman [unles] for this Instant yeere.

Thomas White Tho: Patch & John Abey Junir are chosen Sirvey[rs] to oversee the Comon that no trespas be don in our timber by any stranger in falling & carying any of it awaye & to have one halfe of the trespas for their care & paines & the other halfe they are to returne to the Select men for the towns use. Survevors for the Common

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* 30 of 1 mo: 69 (*page 21)

Its ordered that all fences both generall |& particku-laire| within the limits of our towne shall be sufficiantly Repaired by the 10[th] of the next month that is to saye to be a sufficiant foure Rayle fenc or equivalent thereunto: & so to be kept from time to time untill the 15[th] of October next upon the forfiture of five shillings for every Gap not exceeding two Rod & for greater quantyties two shillings & six penc per Rod John Batchelder & Alexander Maxey are Chosen for Sirvey[rs] for this following yeere who are to see to the Due discharge of that their trust according to lawe in Seeing to the Repaire of all Comon fences of Corne feilds if the owners neglect |more than three dayes| to doe it them selves: & have hereby full power to demand & Receave the aforesd two shillings & six penc per Rod for their labr. Fences

Also its ordered that all Swine that goe abroad shall be sufficiantly yoaked & ringed from the tenth of Aprill next untill the 15[th] of October abovesd upon the penalty of forfiting of one shilling per swine to be paid by the owner Swine

upon demand: the yoakes to be as followeth viz: for every swine of a yere old & upwards two foot long & for yonger swine proportionably according to their Age.

Tho: Fiske in
the name of the Rest of the Selectmen:

(*page 30)

* 22th of October 1669

Rate for the Pastor

At a towne meeting Goodman Abey Senir & Walter Fairfield & Charles Gott Chosen to joune with the Select men to make our Pastrs Rate for this Instant yeere.

Constable

Henry Kemball Chosen Constable for this following yeere.

Juryman

Charles Gott chosen to serve on ye Jury of trials at ye next Court.

Grant to Thos. Patch

Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske Chosen to laye out & set ye bounds of 40 Akers of land to Thomas Patch in the Right of Marke Batchelder & Wm Geare.

Wood Rate

Also its ordered that the same order that was made the last yeere about our Pastrs wood is nowe in fore for this Instant yeere & the same persons Chosen to see the execution of it by the last daye of the next month.

Highway

Walter Fairfield Charles Gott & Thomas Fiske are impowered to laye out a highway over Goodman Maxeys farme & apoint the plac where to make a bridg over the river into the neck:

(*page 31)

* 3d of January 1669

An. Town Meeting Selectmen

At a towne meeting John Fiske Richard Kemball & Tho: Fiske chosen for Select men for this following yeere.

Grant to Robt Macklaflin

Granted to Robert Mackclafflin the towns Right in that parcill of upland formerly Granted to him (upon Condition) (alwayes provided it be onely to himself for his owne proper use for the time of his continueance in the towne & then to Returne to the towns Disposeing.

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Robert × Macklaflin
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Common Land at the Neck

John Abey Senir Walter Fairfield Marke Batchelder & Charles Gott are chosen to |Joyne with ye select men|

to take notic of what Comon land there is in the neck undisposed of & to make a Returne of what shall Appeare to the towne: & it is also voated that in the Cass there doe Appeare there is land enough that John Abey Junir shall have it upon exchange for that lott which he now posesseth & that to be laid downe to the towns use & also to state Thomas Patch his Bounds of 40 Akers in the right of Marke Batchelder & Wm Geare & the former order about the land of Thomas Patch is voated void.

Grant to John Abey Junir and to Thos. Patch

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* 10th of 11 mo: 1669. (*page 60)

Whither all our Comon shall be equally Devided betwixt the settled Inhabitants in the towne viz. to the Dweling howses now inhabitants by eaquall portions to be & Remaine to the use of such Habitations alwayes provided that no person nor any after him in his right fene in his or theire propriety for pasture but shall ly opne to the use of publique for feeding onely that which is capeable of Breakeing up or makeing meadowe which may be fenced in at every mans discretion nor shall any person or persons in our towne have liberty or any after them in his or theire right sell or convey any such their portions to any person without the Consent of the towne from time to time—Voated on the Afirmative—& for efecting the abovesd Devision Walter Fairefield Marke Batchelder Charles Gott & Richard Huttn are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to doe it.

Division Common Land

Its voated that Samuell Fiske & John Soolard Junir shall have each of them halfe a share.

Its also voated that John Abey Junir shall have 15 Akers of land for his lott & the Comity to devid the Comon shall laye it out.

John Abey's Grant

Also its voated that John Beaman shall have ten akers of land out of the Comon in the Neck in Cass it be there to be fownd & the Comitie Chosen to laye out the Comon shall laye it out [only] Thomas White shall be in Richard Huttons Steade—

John Beaman's Grant

Goodman Abey Senir & Walter Fairfield are chosen for Sirveyrs for this following yere.

* 10th 11 mo: 1669

(*page 61)
Meet[g] House

John Knowlton upon the condition he alloweth 4[s] per yeere Contribution to the Ministry shall have liberty to Joyne in partnership in a galery & in the mean time to have liberty of a seat belowe in witness where of he have set to his hand.

John Knowlton

John Edwards also upon the condition of 10[s] per yeere.

John Edwards

Richard Lee upon the condition of 5[s] per yeere as long as he use it & then to leave it to ye towne

Richard
Lee

John Edwards doth ingeage 5[s] per yeere to our ministers Rate on the Behalfe of his Brother Thomas Edwards for liberty of a seate according as liberty given them by the towne—& Coporall Killim 10[s] per yeere for his two Sons Daniell & Thomas for theire liberty in the building of the same & John Deñise also: for his liberty ingeage 5[s] per yeere:

his marke
Daniell Killam
Seni[r]

John Edwards
John Dinnil

Thomas Edwards appearing himselfe to ingeage the towne [accepts] thereof for 5[s] per yeere [&] hereunto set his hand

[ ]th 1 mo: 72

Thomas Y Edwards
his marke

(*page 62)
Grant to Abra[m] Martin

* Question being put whither Abraham Martin Blacksmith shall have two acres of land lying on the back side of Robert Macklaflins lott upon the Condition he cometh to our towne & there continue seaven yers following his Trade but in Cass he removeth within the space aforesd then the land & shop to Returne to the towne it was voated on the 11th of 1 month 1670: on the affirmative.

11th of 8 mo: 70:

William Fiske Chosen Constable for the following yeere. — Constable

& Thomas Fiske Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls for the next Court at Salem.— — Juryman

Walter Fairefield & Mark Batchelder Chosen to Joyne with ye Select men to make the ministers Rate: for this Instant yere. — Minrs Rate

Its voated that the order made on the 23d of 8 mo: 1668 about our ministers wood is in full force for the present yeere & old Goodman Moulton & Thomas Patch to see to the Execution of the sd. order. — Wood Rate

2d of 11 mo: 1670: — Am. Town Meets

Richard Kemball John Fiske & Tho: Fiske chosen for Select men for the following yeere. — Selectmen

Sergent White Walter Fairfield Charles Gott & Tho: Fiske are impowered to Demand sue for & rec[eive] of Richard Dodg Senir his Dues to our Minister according to his Ingeagement under his hand & in Case they doe it not they are to Give seasonable notic befor Ipswich Court to the Select men whoe then are betrusted with the matter. — Richard Dodge's Rate

* Its ordered that the Select men are impowered to call the Constables to account that have bin or are Defective in not Gathering in such rates as have bin are or shall be Directed by warrants to them |& prosecute in lawe against them| & this to be the Select mens Care from time to time. — (*page 63) Constables Accounts

Sergent White Walter Fairfield & Richard Huttn are Chosen to Joyne with the Select—to Run out the lyne westward |betwixt Ipswich & us| & state the bound according to lawe. — Bounds of Ipswich

Its ordered that no person or persons whatever shall have liberty to fall any oake timber upon our Comon unles for theire owne particklare use without leave from the Select men Charles Gott & Thomas Patch upon the forfiture of ten shillings per tree. — Timber on the Common

Also Granted to John Abey liberty to live in his howse & to improve two Akers of land Joyning to the same |two years| leaveing a Conveniant high waye according to the — J. Abbey, grant to

Discretion of the Select men alwayes provided he shall leave the land sown with hayseed fowre bushels per Akre at the end of the aforsd terme.

Town Meetings

Also its ordered that the Selectmen now Chosen shall have power to call & appoint towne meettings for this fowling yeere.

Grant to Abner Ordway

Granted to Abner Ordway and wife fowre or five Akers of land which was John Abeys at the discretion of Sergent White John Killim Tho: Patch & Thomas Fiske for the terme of theire lives onely.

Abner
Ordway

Grant to Richd Goldsmith

Its Granted to Richard Goldsmith fowre Akres of land upon the hill be hind Charles Gotts lott for the terme of seaven yers always [provided] he shall sowe it with [hay] seed sufficiantly at the end [of the aforesd term] * & old Goodman Abey is Joynd with the Comity which is Chosen to laye out ordwayes land to laye out the aforsaid land to Richard Gooldsmith.

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Grant to John Fiske

Its Granted that John Fiske shall have three Akres of swampe nere the broad medow at his choic for the term of foureteen yers & then to Returne it to the towne.

Jo Sussisk

Timber in the Cedar Swamp

Its ordered that no person or persons whatsoever shall Cutt any timber or trees Greate or Small in the Seader Swampe without leave from the Select men & old Goodman Moulton & Marke Batchelder upon the forfiture of ten shillings per tree to be taken by the Constable by warrant from the Select men.

Surveyors

Richard Dodg & James Friend are Chosen for Surveyrs for the followeing yeere.

27th of 8th mo: 1671

Minr Rate

Charles Gott & Marke Batchelder Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our Ministers Rate for this Instant yeere.

Constable

& John Abey Senir is Chosen for Constable for the following yeere.

Juryman

& Tho: Fiske to serve on the Judy of Tryals at the next Court.

Its ordered that every Inhabitant of our towne shall Attend to Cutt & Cary our past^rs wood for this yeere with what hands & cattle they have & in default to pay three shillings per hand & ten shillings for six oxen & eight shillings for fowre & fowre shillings for two oxen* & the time of meeting for ox men is to be by the Sun halfe an houre high & for Carters by Sun one houre high and in Case any person shall be Defective every ox man 6^d per howre & carter with 6 oxen two shillings & 4 oxen 18^d & 2 oxen one shilling all which forfits aforesd: to be added to the ministers Rate: & John Batchelder & John Abey Juni^r is Chosen Sirvey^rs to see to the fullfilling of this order & they have full power to Judg of the defects of the time according to their discretion & to make a Returne to the Raters & its agreed that the first two faire dayes of the next weeke shall be the time for the worke doeing & whosoever doe not attend the first daye shall have liberty till the 2^d daye & the place of meeting to be at our past^rs howse.

Wood for the Pastor

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Its ordered that Marke Batchelder shall have liberty to take three trees upon the Comon in Consideration of 5 shillings which the towne oweth him.

Trees on the Common

Thomas Patches Bounds of his 40 Acres are as followeth viz: it begins at a Red oake in Ipswich lyne marked on fowre sides being Thomas Hobb^es Bound also & so downeward to a stake & heape of stones eighty poale nere Thomas Hobb^es Howse & from that corner to a stump standing nere John Abeyes howse on the South syd of the gutter & from thenc to a stake nere the corner of John Powlands ditch & from thenc takeing in all the upland |& swampe| to a maple in the swampe marked on fowre sydes & so to a greate maple North east & from thenc takeing in all the upland betwixt [the] swamp as the upland goes rounding to Ipswich lyne.

Thos. Patch's 40 acres

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* 12^th 10^th mo: 71 delivered to Constable Abey a towne Rate for the Aminition of 6^£—11^s—8^d.

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Rate

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* 12^th 10 mo: 1671 Delivered to Constable John Abey a towne Rate of 6^£:—11^s:—8^d: for there Aminition the

(*page 26)

Ammunition Rate

Rate to be gathered in money or ele in wheate maulc or Butter at mony pric.

An. Town Meet[s]

1 of January 1671

Selectmen

At a towne meetting Marke Batchelder Walter Fairefield & Charles Gott are Chosen for Select men for this following yeere.

Land in Controversy

It was voated that the wood that was cutt for our past[t] this yeere on the land in Controversie was upon a towne account & for theire use.

Mr. Fiske's Farm, Suit as to

It that as there is a sute cõmensed by the proprietors of Mr. Fiskes farme about the Cutting of the wood abovesd the towne doe owne the Cass as theire owne & doe ingeage to trye the said Cass to effect.

Its voted that the Select men are impowered to prosecute the Sute abovesd in the |towns| name |or to agree| & to act about it as they think fit & the |towne| to stand to wt they shall doe in the towns Behalfe & Tho: Fiske is impowered to Joyne with them.

Surveyors

It Richard Gooldsmith & Tho: Patch are chosen for Sirvey[rs] for the following yeere.

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* Persuant to an order of the towne of the 1[st] of January 1671

Bounds of Mr. Fiske's Farm

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being a Comitte appointed by the towne to setle a Differance betwin the propriet[r] of Mr. Fiskes farme & our Towne about the bound of said farme did in the month of March in the beginning of the yeere —1672 meet with Mr William Dodg of Beverly who then was propriet[r] of said farme & did upon the place agree & setle the bounds of said farme by mutuall & Joynt Consent as followeth viz: that beginning at the Northwesterly corner of Mr Newmans land which he bought of Edward Kemp & from thenc on a straight lyne Northerly to a lop[t] tree nere the Edg of Goodman Batchelders medow & so to said medow & said persons above said: Mr. William Dodg on the one parte & we the subscribers for the towne did Joyntly agree that all the land betwin said lyne Easterly & Goodman Batchelders land shall belong to Mr. Newman & upon that

Condition agreed that the land in Controversie where the wood was cut should belong to said farme.

Thoˢ ffiske
Walter ffayrefield
Charles Gott

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Meetᵍ House

* 4th of 1 mo: 1672: there is full power Comited unto the Celect men together with Richard Kemball & Thomas White to Gather in the remainder of the meeting howse Rate & forth with to bestowe it upon the meeting howse to finish it so far as it will goe.

Bridge

Its voted there shall be a horse Bridg over the river Neare Goodman Abeys.

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Meeting house

* Samuell Nowlton hath liberty Granted him of a seate with John Edwards & Compayne upon Condition of Contributing five shillings per yeere to the ministry & in witness whereof he have here unto set his hand 7th of 1 mo: 72—

Samuel Nowlton
O
his marke

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An. Town Meeting

Selectmen

* At a Generall Towne meeting on the 6th of January 1672. Richard Kemball Marke Batchelder & Thomas Fiske chosen Select men for the yeer following—

Attendance at Town Meetings

Its ordered that whosoever shall not come & attend the towne meettings being orderly warned thereto viz: at our Generall towne meeting on the first Mondaye in January by nine of the Clock & to all other towne meettings at the houre that from time to time shall be appointed shall forfit 2ˢ—6ᵈ for our Generall meettings & 1ˢ—6ᵈ for every other meeting to be paid upon demand of the moderatʳ or ele such Defects to be entered upon Record at such towne meettings & forthwith to be gathered by the Constable by warrant from the Select men for the townes use.

R. Macklaflin as to agreemt with him

Walter Fairfield & Richard Huttn are chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make a Bargaine in the Behalfe of the towne with Robert Mackelaflin about his howse & land & to laye him out land of the towne Comon in Consideration of it or ele upon other termes according to theire discretion. As also to agree with him about that parcill of land formerly Granted to him which the towne

exchanged with the farmers for a parcill of land on the Back side of Mr Newmans Hortyard.

Grant to John Abey Jr. (Way)

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Also its Granted to John Abey Junir. an Akre of land at his howse to plant an Ortchard upon always provided he doe noe Injury the townes passage to the Comon.

Surveyors of Highways

*Richard Huttn & John Killim are Chosen for Sirvey^rs for the yere Insueing to make & Repaire such Bridges & highwayes as the towne have layd out & agreed to doe & are hereby impowered to Cale the towne together to that end & in Case they do not attend upon orderly notic then the sd Sirvey^rs have power to hire others for the Carveing on the worke which Cost shall be defrayed by the delinquents who shall forfit 2^s—6^d— per daye to be Gathered by warrant from the Select men to the Constable.

Grant to Alex^r Maxey

Its granted to Goodman Maxey twenty Akres of lands in our Comon to be layd out to him at the Discretion of the Select men Walter Fairefield & Richard Huttn upon the ten^r as followeth viz: for his owne use to Dwell upon alwayes provided that when he or his wife & children shall leave it it shall Returne to the towne to be at theire disposeing.

As written his hand
marke
Alexander Maxey
his

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* 18^th of 5^th mo: 1673

Minister's House

At a towne meetting twas voated to Build a ministers howse & Richard Kemball John Fiske Ezeikle Woodward Charles Gott Thomas Fiske Richard Huttn & Walter Fairfield are chosen to carry on the worke & to make a Rate for the defrayeing of the Cost.

29^th of the 5^th mo: 73

The towne voated to Build a howse of 18 foott square & 13 foott stud to be added to Roberts howse & the Committee above mentioned are to cary it on & the order about any other kind of howse is hereby Repealed.

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Grant to Rob^t Macklaflin

* Granted to Robert Macklaflin fifteen Akres of upland & swamp lyeing |in| the neck be it more or less according

to the severall Bownd markes viz: a little walnut tree on the Southeast corner & on the Northeast with a small ash tree & so Ruñing to the North to a greate pine stump eleven poall from the medow & so keeping the range to the medows syd |thirteen poles from said stump to a litl maple marked| & on the Southwest Joyning to Richard Gooldsmiths land takeing also the two Akres cald goodman Hagets lott & so to Charles Gots Northeast Corner |viz. a burtch blowne up by the roots upon an Exchange for his howse & three akres of land Joyneing thereunto:— with Hortyard & fences thereunto belonging as witnese his hand this 6th of 6 mo: 1673.

marke
Robert *R* Macklaflin
his

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An. Town Meet[g]

* At a towne meeting this 5th of January 1673

Selectmen

John Fiske Marke Batchelder & Tho: Fiske are Chosen for Select men for the following yeere.

Constable

& Thomas Hobbs Seni[r] Chosen for Constable for the yeere Insueing.

Mr. Gerrish Agreem[t] with him

Also for the incouragment of Mr Gerrish to setle amongst us its voated that Duering the time that god shall continue him with us he shall have fifty pound |within the towne| per yere & twenty coard of wood: together with the use of the |ministers| howse & land with the Appirtainances & its further agreed that the towne shall set up theire proportion of an outside fenc belonging to the said land. Also its voated that Mr. Gerrish shall have two pownd of Butter for every milch cowe as parte of paye from yeere to yeere |of the abovesaid fifty pownds| & for the Rayseing or Gathering of the abovesaid sume of 50£ its agreed that the towne shall goe on in our Sabothly Contribution & in Cass any person or persons shall not come up to his or theire proportions of the said sume he or they shall be liable to be rated takeing the County Rate for a rule & whosoever shall neglect to paye in his |Dues or| Contribution at or before the first Mondaye of January from yere to yere it shall be gathered

by the Constable by warrant from the Select men |soe to doe.|

Collectors

Tho: Patch is chosen Colector with John Fiske for the yere Insueing.

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Surveyors

* William Fiske James Friend & Robert Macklaflin are Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the highwayes for the yere Insueing.*

Grant to Mr. Williams

There is Granted |or sold| to William Williames 5 Akres of land |for work don| upon our Comon such as shall be usefull for tillage & |also Granted him three| or fowre Akres of swamp or vacant land more alwayes provided he useth |that| him selfe.

and to Goodman Hobbs to W^{m} Fiske

Charles Gott Walter Fairefield & Richard Huttn are chosen to Joyne with the Select men to laye out the land to William |Williams| & |thirty| Akrs to Goodman Hobbs.

Granted to William Fiske three Akers of swamp in the Great Swamp below Mr Newmans land upon a square always provided he Clers it in three yers.

Surveyors of Highways

William Fiske James Friend & Robert Macklaflin Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the Highwayes.

* *This paragraph is crossed out in the original.*

W^{m} Fiske's 3 acres

William Fiskes 3 Akrs of swamp was layd out to him |by the Select men| & Bounded by the syd of Mr Newmans farm lyeing 11 poales ½ in bredth & the length from a Great white oake upon the end of the pointe of upland by the medow wch tree was Antiantly marked & so to a pine tree for the Southeast Corner marked on 4 syds.

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Rate

* 3^{d} of 12 mo: 1673 there is a towne Rate of 76$^{£}$: 6^{s}— for the defraying of the cost of our Ministers howse Delivered to Constable Hobbs.

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Rates

* Delivered to Constable Richard Dodge a towne Rate of |about| 7$^{£}$: 0^{s}: 0^{d}: to be Gathered in money or elc in Butter or wheate at money price for the procuring of Glass & Nails for our ministry howse, it being a part of the Gran[d] Rate it was taken out of his hand & Delivered to Constable Hobbs.

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* 2d March 1673/74 (*page 34)

At a towne meetting the question being put whither the swamp & land |formerly Granted| to Mr. Newman| the towns Entrest should be owned & the Grante stand Good twas voated in the Afirmative. Grant to Mr. Newman

Upon Mr Epps his Request to the towne in Behalfe of Mrs Newman for the exchange of a parcill of land lying within hir fenc the towne have voated to exchange the said land for medow & have impowered Richard Kemball Richard Huttn & Thomas Fiske to make & compleate the said exchange. Exchange with Mr. Epps

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19th of 5th mo: 74:

The Towne made Choice of Charles Gott & Walter Fairefield to Joyn with ye Comity (formerly Chosen to laye out the high waye in the neck to the Comon) to set the Bounds of Goodman Dodg his fifteen |acres| of land & Goodman Brayebrooks land in Cass they cañot shew the old bounds. Highway & Dodge & Braybrook grants

Also tis voated that theire shall be ten pounds bestowed upon a Barne for the ministery & its loft to the Comitie for the Ministers howse to Carry it one in Cass Mr Gerrish doe not doe it. Minister's Barn

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* 18th of 6 mo: 1674 (*page 38)

James Moulton Junir is Chosen to serve on the Granjuery for the following yere. Juryman

& Whereas the church hath manifested their desire to Mr Gerrish to take |or accept the| office of a pastr |amongst us| the Towne have agreed in Cass he shall so doe they have voted as followeth Agreemt with Mr. Gerrish

first with Respect to the kind of payment |of his yerly maintainanc| they will paye the one halfe in porke & Inglish graine oats excepted & the other halfe to be in butter according to a former order & Indian Corne all which payment is to be at pric currant.

Also wt soever our neighbrs have or shall ingeage to Contribut to him it shall be the Select mens Care to see that it be paid in.

Minrs house

Also the towne doe agree to Cover the old house with boards & lea[ve] it to the former Comity to see i[t done].

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* Also in Cass he shall Continue |in ofic| five yers amongst us & then God take him awaye by death the towne doe ingeag twenty pound to his widow and if he Continue ten yers then forty pound

Also the Towne land (lyeing neare Mrs Newmans |lott| is voated to be layd or added to the ministry house.

Rate

15th of October 1674 delivered to Constable Hobbs a towne Rate Asignd to him by the Select men to gather: amounting to the sume of 30£—9s—7d.

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Rate

* 15th of October 74 there was a towne Rate of 30£—9—7 delivered to Constable Hobbs to be gatherd according to his warrant from the Select men in provisions oats excepted.

9th of Dec: 74 a Country Rate Delivered to Constable Hobbs of 5£—13s—7d.

An. Town Meets

4th of Jan: 1674

Selectmen

Richard Kemball, Walter Fairefild & Thomas Fiske Chosen Select Men for the following yere.

Constable

Thomas Patch Chosen Constable for the following yere.

Surveyors of Highways

John Abey Senir & John Batchelder Chosen for Surveyrs of the high wayes for the following yere.

Minrs Rate

Its ordered that the last yeers Rate for the minister from time to time shall be a rate for the proportioning the ministers wood for the yere Insueing & whosoever shall not bring in to Mr Gerrish his parte of wood by the last of March from yere to yere shall paye a fine of double the price of his parte of wood & the said fine to be added to his Rate for that yers Contribution—& Charles Gott & Richard Huttn are Chosen to Joyne with the Select men to make our ministry Rate for the yere Insueing.

Meetg house

Whereas John Fiske & others have layd a foundation for Galeryes in our meeting house the Towne have Voated that the Select men together with Charles Gott William Fiske & Richard Huttn shall be & are Chosen as a Com-

ittie* to order & dispose of the said Galeryes as they thinke meett. (*page 36)

Grant to Rich^d Kemball Jr.

Granted to Richard Kemball Juni^r twenty akres of land in our Comon upon the same ten^r that Alexander Maxey: his land was granted upon—as witness his hand.

marke
Richard ⋀ Kemball
his

Grant to Thos. Fiske

Granted to Thomas Fiske that parcill of land betwixt his land which he bought of John Killim Joyning to Pleasant Pond |& the brook| takeing the beaver hole brooke for the bounds in Consideration of service don for the towne.

Town Common

Its Voated that there shall be a Comittie Chosen to setle bounds betwixt the towne |Comon| & particulare persons & for the Comitie there is the Select men & John Fiske Richard Huttn Marke Batchelder & John Batchelder Chosen.

January 5^th^ 1764 (*page 38)

Privilege in the meet^g house for persons living near Wenham

Wee whose names are underwrittn being Ajaicant to Wenham & by our neere habitation have a Conveyanc of Coming to theire meetting doe upon a treatie with them about priviledg in theire meetting house agree that soe long as wee shall make use of our priviledg by them granted wee will paye to the ministry there yeerly according to our abilityes & in Cass wee see Cause to leave our seates wee shall have liberty soe to doe & to be freed from our Contribution the towne repayeing us for our Cost about our seates. In Witnesse whereunto we have Interchangably set to our hands

Richard Walker
his
Daniel × Davison
mark
mark
John *K* nowlton
his his
William + Rorlton
marke

(*page 39) Rate

* 15th of January 1674 deliverd to Constable Hobbs a towne Rate for the minister of 50£ .

(*page 40) Receipt

An Entrye of the Treasurrs Receipt:—
Received ye 9:9:75 of Thomas Patch of Wenham the some of foure pounds & nine shillings in money which I have Axepted for the some of five pownds & three shillings in Country paye which is in full of Wenham Rate for the yere 71/72

Willim Fiske Constable
By mee Richard Russell
Treasurr

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* 1 of January 1676

(*page 39) An. Town Meets

Selectmen

Constable

Surveyors of Highways

Minister's Rate

Charles Gott Walter Fairefield Richard Huttn Wm Fiske & Tho:s Fiske are Chosen for Select men for the following yere.

John Fiske Chosen for Constable for the following yere:—when the other Constable is out.

Saml Abey & Samuell Kemball are Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the following yere.

Whereas there is a Greate defect in Contributing to the Ministers maintainanc according to our Ingeagement its ordered that whoesever shall be Generally Defective in the matter for the time to come shall be liable to be Rated [will] & Doom[e] any order to the Contrary notwithstanding

Grant to John Carpenter

Granted to John Carpenter a parcill of upland of about two akrs be it more or lese lying betwixt Ordwayes lot & the River together with |the| swamp that Joyns to it for the terme of his life Reserveing a Conveynant high waye at the Discretion of the Select men.

Meeting house

Old Goodman Moulton & John Fiske are Appointed to Joyne with the Celect men to order & Regulate the seateing of persons in the meetting howse from time to time.

(*page 40) Good= Rowland

* Granted to Goodman Rowland liberty to set his fenc Cross a point of Upland to take in six or seaven poals of land to set his hay stack on.

16th: 4th mo: 76

Rates for the War (King Phillips)

Delivered to Constable Fairefield 10 Single Rates for the Warr with an addition the wholl Sum being 51£–10s

17th December 1676:

Rates

Delivered to Constable Fairefield 6 Single Rates for the warr with an addition amounting to £31—5—4—

* 7th: 11th: 1677:

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An. Town Meet[g]

At a Towne meetting John Fiske Charles Gott William Fiske John Batchelder, & Thos: Fiske Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing.

Selectmen

Constable

Samuell Kimball Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Thos. Wilson

The question was put to the Towne whither Thomas Wilson shall be accepted as an Inhabitant amongst us without Two able setled persons to be his sureties to the Towne to Secure them from damage it was voated on the Negitive.

Surveyors of Highways

Thomas Patch & Robert Hibbirt Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing.

Timber on the Common

|Its ordered| That noe Inhabitant in the Towne but house houlders shall have liberty to fall or carry awaye any timber out of the Towne Swamps & that noe house holder shall have shall have liberty to Fall nor Carry out of the Towne Swamps any more timber in one yere than will make two thousand in inch Boards & yt all logs that is alridy fald in the townes Swamps & are not Carryd out within Six dayes shall be forfit to the towne alwayes provided that the towne paye for the labr: bestowed on them & |ye logs| shall be devided by the Comite & the Comite shall set a marke upon every logg brought out & they or any one of them shall have power to stop any of the towne w[n] they are Carrying of logs & in Cass they will not give an answer to satisfaction* the Comitie have power to Seiz on the timber & the one halfe of the timber shall be to the Comitie & the other halfe to the towne & in Cass any man Carry any privatly & it be after proved then the Comite shall by warrant from the Select men take the Constable with them & destrayne of the goods of the Trespaser to the value of ten shillings for every log soe Carved awaye one halfe of the fine to the Comite & the other

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halfe to the towne & w^{t} timber any person or persons shall Carry awaye out of ye Swamp within Six dayes after the date hereof shall be his owne alwayes provided he desire the Comite to marke his loggs & that noe person shall have liberty to sell any timber in trees or loggs in or at the towns Swamp upon the former peanaltye & Charles Gott Thomas Patch W^{m} Fiske Samuell Kemball & James Friend are Chosen for a Comite any towne order to the Contrary notwithstanding & the Comite are impowered to stand sute with any person that shall transgrese the above said order.

Tho^{s} Fiske entereth his Contrary Desent to the above said order in respect of trees alridy fald & to the Comites power to sue & Walter Fairefield entereth his Desent alsoe.

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* 24th Sept: 1678

Deputy

At a towne meeting Thomas Fiske was by the freemen Chosen Deputy for the next Sessions of the Gen^{ll} Court.

Gen^{l} Court, College, &c.

& Charles Gott & he are appointed to prosecute our business at Generall Court & Also to Answer the Cass about the Coledg: & John Fiske Thomas Patch & John Batchelder & |W^{m} Fiske| are desired to procure w^{t} mony is nessesary to Carry on our Cass at said Court.

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Receipt

* Rec^{d} this 7th of 11 mo: 78 forty shillings in money of Thomas Patch for land sold him by the Towne we saye rec^{d} by Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske in the Townes behalfe

Tho^{s} Fiske
Walter Fayrefield

22th of 11 Thomas Patch Delivered to Thomas Fiske three pound in money for the towns use which the Select men accept for six pounds in paye.

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An. Town Meet^{s}

* 6th of Jan: 1678

Selectmen

Walter Fairefield Charles Gott W^{m} Fiske John Batchelder Thomas Fiske Chosen for Select men for the following yere.

Constable

Richard Huttn Seni^{r} Chosen Constable for the following yere.

Ezeikle Woodward & John Killim are Chosen for Sirveyrs for the high wayes for the following yere. — Surveyors of Highways

Also its voated that whosoever that is an inhabitant in our Towne shall not generally Contribute to our Pastrs maintainance according to a former order shall paye five shillings as a fine to be added to his rate to the minister. — Pastor's Rate

Its voated that Thomas Patch shall have all that Comon land lying betwixt his land & Richard Dodges medow |excepting John Whits grante of six Acres| for forty shillings in money in hand & eight pound in porke or graine in fowre yeres viz. forty shillings per yere. — Grant to Thomas Patch

* Its voated that William Knowlton shall have all the remainder of Towne Comon joyning to John Denise his Grant & so to John Abeyes lot leaveing a Sufficiant high waye yeilding or Payeing twelve penc per acre by the yere to the Towne. — (*page 47) to Wm Knowlton (Way.)

Its ordered that our Cass depending Betwixt our Towne Beverly & Villag is left with the Select men to Carry on to effect. — Beverly Case

Granted to John Denise a Confirmation of a grante of fowre or |five| acres of land that was granted to Abner Ordwaye & his wife for their life time he the said Ordwaye haveing sold his right to said John Denise the Towne makes a further grante to him & his heirs & assignes |he| yeilding or payeing twelve penc per acre by the yere to the towne after the said Ordwayes desceas. — Grant to John Denise

It is ordered that all such as have lands lyeing in our towne shall make their Bounds appear upon demand of those that are or shall be appointed |by the towne| to take notice of them or elc theire lands shall be measured to them according to theire grantes from the townes:

& to the Select men are impowered |to examin bounds| & to see to the prosecution of this order. — Bounds of Lands

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* We whose names are underwritten being propriets in the Comon field cald the plaine have agreed & stated out every mans parte or portion of theire Lotts: being as followeth viz. to Thomas Fiske one hundred & seaven poale but its to be understood that seaventen poals is for his parte of fenc for his land without the Generall feild. — *page 50 "The Plain" Division

& Mr Gerrish forty & nine poall & Charles & Daniell Gott one hundred and thirteen poall & Richard Huttn forty & six poall & one third; but its to be understood that the wholl ten acres is accounted to him & to Mr Endicotts Tenants sixty & three poals & to Richard Kemball sixty & three poals & to Daniell Killim ninety & seaven poals & as for Jn° Batchelder its agreed that he shall make sixty & nine poals from his lower corner next the meeting house & the north end of his pastur next the plaine: every mans parte or portion being now stated & stakd out as witnese our hands Dated 15th of 1 mo: 1679

Thoˢ Fiske
Charley Goff
John Batchelder
marke
Daniell Killim
his
marke
Richard ⌒ Kimball
his

(*page 49)

* For an explanation of wᵗ is written on the other syde—

Thoˢ Fiske his fenc lyeth as followeth viz. one pole ½ next the northweast corner of John Batchelders pastur & another parcill standeth betwin Mr Endecots Tenants & Charles Gotts: |being| upon Mr Newmans hill & the rest upon the devisionall lyne betwin the townes next the high waye—except another parcill wch standeth betwin the abovesd: Charles Gotts fence next Rowlandes hole= Mr Gerishᶜˢ fenc standeth next the Country Roade Joyning to his owne land & 19 pole more upon the devisionall lyne next Thomas Fiskᵉˢ fence Charles & Daniell Gotts |& Richard Kemballs| fenc standeth next the Country Roade from Goodman Huttns Corner to Mr. Newmans land & leaveing the bredth of his lott sᵈ Kemballs fenc is at the end of his |own| lott & the abovesd persons Charles Daniell & Richard have three parcils more viz. one at the Northweast corner of the field & two parcills more upon the lyne betwin Ipsᶜʰ & Wenham betwin Thomas Fiskes fenc—Goodman Huttns fenc standeth next his

owne land upon the Country Roade: Mr Newmans fene stand at the uper or north syd of the field betwin Charles Gotts fene & Thomas Fiskes fene & another parcill betwin there fene: next John Peirkingses & the remainder being at the head of Mr. Newmans lot next the Country Road. Daniell Killims fene is from John Batchelders fene at the Roade to John Batchelders North end of his pasture.

(*page 48)

Deputy

At a meetting of the of the freemen 23^{d} of 3^{d} mo: 79, Thomas Fiske is Chosen Deputy for the first Sessions of the Gen^{ll} Court next at Boston.

Rate

Delivered to Constable Richard Huttn a Rate conteining foure single Country Rates of 21$^{£}$: 3^{s}÷3^{d} Dated 17th of 5th: 79:—

(*page 45)

Rate

* Constable Samuell Kemball hath paid in to Ezeikle Woodward a towne rate for the Comittes expences Dated 9th: 9: 78 & brought a note under his hand: of his recite of it 17th Dec: 79—

(*page 52)

An. Town Meet^{s}

* 5th of Jan. 1679.

Selectmen

Walter Fairefield John Batchelder Charles Gott W^{m} Fiske & Tho^{s} Fiske Seni^{r} Chosen for Select men for the yere following.

Constable

Samuell Moulton Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Tithing men

Samuell Kemball Robert Hibbirt John Killim & John Peirkings are Chosen for tithing men for the yere Insueing.

Clerk of the Market

Walter Fairefield Chosen for Clarke of the market:

Surveyors of Highways

John Beare & John Knowlton are Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the high wayes for the yere Insueing.

Timber

Its ordered as an addition to the former order for the preservation of our towne timber that any or every person that shall cutt any timber in the towne swamp shall give notice to the Comitte |or any two of them| to marke their logs before they carry them out of the swamp upon penalty of forfiting the timber to the towne & the Comitte formerly Chosen or any two of them shall have power to prosecute this order.

Sam[l] Fiske &c., admitted

Samuell Fiske Tayl[r] John Peirkings & Thomas Fiske Juni[r] are accepted townsmen: or Inhabitants of our towne |& to have towne priviledg| Joseph Fowler & John Bare & William Knowlton are also accepted as inhabitants of this towne |& to have towne priviledg| Samuell Moulton also accepted an Inhabitant.

(*page 53)

Grant to Richard Braybrook

* Its voated that whereas Richard Brayebrook is in possession of John Whits right according to a towne grante of Salem & to said White & the question being put whither the said Braybrook shall have twenty acres the towne alloweing a pointe of land which John Edwards is nowe in possession of to be John Whits right upon the accompt of the said Grante it was resolved on the Afirmative that he should have twenty Acres the said pointe being allowed also.

Rate

Delivered to Constable Huttn a towne Rate for our minister & some other towne Cost of

53:—6—2[d]

(*page 58)

Ipswich Neighbors Meet[g] House

* In Answer to the request of our Neighb[rs] of Ipswich to have liberty to make them Seates in our meetting house Wee grante them the west Galliry namely to John Deane Abraham Tilton Mr Quarles Nathaniel Browne John Whipple & Edmond Potter & such others of their Neighb[rs] as they shall accept of & two seates next the staires on the right hand of the coming in of the South dore for theire wives & they have liberty to Raise them & make them according to their Descretion & its intended by both parties that for theire privilidge above mentioned our Neighb[rs] Contribuate to our Ministry they & theirs to Injoye theire Seates forever always provided that if there be not enough of our neighb[rs]: to fill the Seats above mentioned the Select men of Wenham Reserve liberty to place such of the towne as may be thought sutable they payeing proportionably to the Cost & our Neighb[rs] are to have a conveynant passage in the South Galliry to theirs:

1: mo: 1679/80

John Dane
Abraham Tilton

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* 11: 2: 80 (*page 65)

Grant to John Dodge

At a meetting of the Select men Thomas Patch John Abey John Beaman & W^m^ Knowlton are impowered to laye out & Setle 15 Acres of land to John Dodg in the right of Thomas Sergent [ ] Killim as they shall Judg maye be best for both the towne & said John Dodg.

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* Boston Maye 25^th^ 1680 (*page 40)

Receipt

Rec^d^ of Mr. Walter Fairefield Constable of Wenham by severall payements in full of the first Ten rates for the yere 1676 wch he had a former receip^t^ for & saith he has lost it & by severall payements in rate paye & mony in full of the first Six rates being thirty pounds nine shillings 6^d^=I saye rec^d^ per order of my master Mr John Hull

Per me John Newman that this is a true entry compared with the original receip^t^ H Huttn Tho^s^ Fiske

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* Boston Maye 25^th^ 1680 (*page 41)

Receipts

Rec^d^ of Mr Walter Fairefield for accomp^t^ of Mr Samuell Kemball Constable of Wenham by severall payements as mony in full of three rates of November 1678 Ten pounds Six Shillings 4^d^

I saye recd per order of my Master Mr John Hull

Per me John Newman

This 31 of March 1680

Rec^d^ of Samuell Kemball in full of his County rate for the yere 78 I saye Rec^d^ in full per me

Robert Paine

Treasur^r^

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* 18^th^: 4^th^: 1680 (*page 54)

Bounds of Mr. Smith's Farm, &c.

Wee whose names are underwritn being mett together in behalfe of the towne & for ourselves to setle the Bounds betwine Mr. Smiths farme & the towne & other persons who have lands adjoyning to the said farme have Agreed as followeth viz: that the stake with the heape of stones Southwards about fowre Rod from the Meetting house is a Corner Bounds of said farme from wch stake Eastward the Country road is settld fowre Rod wide takeing

the fenc on the North & the stakes on the South till it cometh to Richard Huttns howse hereby declareing that the North |side| of said highwaye is late Mr Felminghams Bounds the South |side| is the bounds of the aforesaid Mr Thomas Smiths farme & from thence the high waye is Staked till it cometh to the North corner of Goodman Maxeys fence & from thence to Ipswich lyne as the fenc formerly stood on the East sid of the roade & on the West syde of the Roade: [as] ye fenc nowe stand: & on the West syd of the Country Roade from Richard Huttns house to Ipswich |lyne| is by this agreement |to be accounted| Mr Felminghams Bounds & from |Ipswich| lyne| the bounds of said Mr Smiths farme is setled as the Stakes are sett & trees marked including upland & medow on both sydes of the river excepting Walter Fairefields & Richard Huttns land wch lyeth within said bounds.

Tho[s] Fiske	Tho Smith
Walter Fayrfield	marke
Charles Gott	Daniell × Killim
	his

in behalfe of ourselves & the towne.

(*page 55)

10 Acres near the old Meet[g] house, given by Sam[ll] Smith, laid out

* 18[th]: 4[th]: mo: 1680

Know all men by these presents that whereas Sam[ll] Smith of Wenham deceised did Give to the towne ten acres of land: to the towne neare the old meeting howse; the Select men in behalfe of the towne wth Mr Thomas Smith have & Doe hereby Agree that the land from the heade of the Gen[ll] feild cald the fifty acres wch the towne have Disposed of & is within fence as the fence nowe stands downe to ye pond by Mr Gerrishes howse is setld for the bounds of sd ten acres alwayes provided if Mr Thomas Smith shall see cause to remove the North east corner two lengths of fence inwards it shall be lawefull for him soe to doe alloweing two lengths outward at the uper end: & further the afore said Mr Thomas Smith doth hereby Grante & Confirme all that land betwin the lower end of the aforesaid ten acres on the south & the lyne betwine Mr Smiths farme & Mr Fiskes on the west

& on the high waye on the north & the Swamp on the East to the towne for a trayning place & not to be disposed of to any other use but shall lye in Comon.

Notwithstanding wat is before mentioned it is intended yt ye training plase shall [*com] no further y^n^ ye Runn yt [*coms] out of ye great Swampe in my farme.

(*comes?*) Tho Smith

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* 3 Sept: 80:

(*page 48)

College

Thomas Fiske is appointed by the Select men to attend the Comitte at Boston (for the Colledg) according to a warrant to the Select men of our towne.

(*page 18)

Beverly & Wenham Agreem^t^

* An Agreement made betwene us whose names are underwritten in behalf of the Towns to which we doe belong viz. Beverly & Wenham & we doe hearby agree as followeth—That Wenham shall have their six hundred acc^rs^ of Comon land measured out first between Richard Dodg his land & the west end of Pleasant Pond to Ipswich line and it is to be bounded on Longham meadow on the South so farr as the said meadow goeth & from the West end of said pond along by the South side of it untill it cometh to the white oake at the East end thereof called Manchester bound & from thence South East or on a streight lyne towards Chubbs Creek and so the six hundred Acc^rs^ to be made up att the South East end of sd. Comon as may be most conveniant for both parties and the bounds or Lyne between the Townes aforesaid are to be as followeth viz: from the white oake tree on Alfords Hill formerly a bound between us & so on a streight lyne towards the white oake at the East end of Pleasant Pond cald Manchester bound untill it meeteth with the aforesaid Comon & then the bounds of the sd. Comon to be the said Towne bounds untill they come to Manchester bounds & the aforesaid lyne to extend from the white oake on Alfords Hill afores^d^ on the contrarey pointe untill it meeteth with the villiage lyne & all Beverleys Right in all Comon lands or proprietyes on the North & Northwest syde of said lyne to belong to Wenham Townshipp: but if the lyne which goeth Eastward from the said white

oake on Alfords hill doth take into Wenham John Dodg Sen^{r} his hous where hee now doth dwell we have agreed as followeth—That the said Dodg with his familey shall still belong to the towne of Beverly and his Successo^{r}s that shall dwell therin on the Condition that the said Dodge and his Successo^{r}s shall be liable to pay to all publique charges in & to the towne of Wenham one third part of that which the persons and movable estate that doth belong to the said Dodge his dwelling hous & those that shall ther succeed him according to the Rate & proportion that the Inhabitants of the towne of Wenham shall be Rated and pay from time to time onely the said Dodge shall be freed from the Countrey Rates in Wenham for to be rated in Beverly for the above^{d} hous persons & movable estate & the above made agreement shall bee & is a finall agreement of all Differences that ever hath bine between us about the bounds of our townes Respectively In Confirmation whereof we have hearunto Sett our hands this 22th of October: 1680:

William Dixey
Sam^{ll} Corning S^{r}
William Dodge
Paul Thorndick
William Rayment
John Dodge
Tho^{s} Fiske
Charles Gott
Walter Fairefield ·

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Beverly & Wenham bounds

* We whose Names are underwrittn being mett together by the Appointment of Wenham & Beverly to setle the Devisionall Range Bounds betwin our Townes according to an Agreement made 22th of October 1680 betwine Agents Deputed by our severall Townes have Agreed as followeth, viz: We have Run the Lyne from Alfords Tree mentioned in the Aforesaid agreement Eastward towards the white oake at the East end of Pleasant Pond caled Manchester Bounds & have setled a Bound marke betwine our townes (on the edg of Wenham Comon) being a stake with a heape of stones; which stake & heape of stones shall be the standing bound marke betwin Wenham & Beverly & from Alfords Tree aforesaid we have Run upon the conterary pointe according to the aforesaid

Agreement to a litle white oake tree at or neare about the Villeag Bound lyne which we have markd & made a heape of stones about to be Altred to the Villeag lyne in cass it standeth not in it other wayes to be the standing bounds betwine our Townes as wittnese our hands

6th November 1680

Paull Thorndick:	Tho^{s} Fiske
John Dodg	Walter Fairefield
Nehemiah Grover	Charles Gott
	Jn^{o} Batchelder
	W^{m} Fiske

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* Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton a towne Rate Dated 9th: 10th: 80 of 51$^{£}$—7—8 for our ministers maintainance. (*page 56) Rates

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Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton two single Country Rates with an addition for the defrayeing of towne charges Dated 21 of 10: 80 amounting to the sume of 19$^{£}$—6^{s}: 11^{d} |to be paid in money.|

Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton two single Rates for the Country |& one County Rate| to be paid in paye amounting to 19$^{£}$: 4: 9 [have] also some Addittion to with it for towne Cost the Contryes due being 13$^{£}$—14^{s}—0: which Rate beareth Date 21: 10: 80

Delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton a towne Rate Dated 21: 10: 80 of the sume of 22$^{£}$: 15^{s}: 4^{d}: for the defrayeing towne Cost about Setleing the towne bounds: —|but wheras it have bin| voted that the Rate Dated 21: 10: 80 of 22: 15: 4^{d} for the defraying of town Cost made voyd & another made in the stead which was delivered to Constable Sam^{ll} Moulton a |Rate| of 22:14—07: to Mr Gerish ordered by the Select men —6—17—11 To Thomas Fiske Sen^{r} 7—8—8 To Charles Gott 2—8—6 Walter Fairefield 3—8—3 W^{m} Fiske 1—1—0 John Batchelder 0—18—0 & John Edwards for killing wolves 0—10—0

The mony Rate Cald in also & another comited to Constable Sam[ll] Moulton in the stead of it which is —21[£]—07[s]—00[d]—

(*page 35)

Highways

* At a generall town metting 3 of January 80—

It is Voated that the Serveiers of the high ways in Wenham for the yer Insuing have power to call together Soe many of the Inhabitants as they shall have ocasion for to mend any of our towne highways according to order from the towne and whosoever shall refuse to atend the wo[rk] one the high way being warned ther unto by the serveiers shall pay twoe shillings a day to be taken by the Constable by warrant from the Select men and the pay soe taken shall be disposed by the Select men for the use of the towne and it is Intended by warning they shall have three day noatic beforehand

John Killim John Edwards John Beare John Porter are Chosen Sirvei[rs] for the yere Insueing.

Ordinary

Walter Fayerfield was Chosen at a generall town meeting the 3 of Jeneuery 80 to keep the ordenary or house of publick entertainment.

Wood Rate

Tis votted that our Past[r] shall have six Coards of wood Added to his former twenty Coard for this present yere.

Thomas Patch Joseph Fowler & Sam[ll] Kemball are Chosen for a Comitte to see that our Past[r] have his wood paid in viz: by the last of feberary & in Cass any person or persons shall be defective in Carrying in his or their parte of wood timely according to this order shall forfit seaven shillings per Coard to be taken by warrant from the Select men & the abovesaid Comitte to have the forfitt & see the wood Carryed in according to this towne order & the peanalty to be taken by the Constable.

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An. Town Meet[s]

* 3d of January 1680

Selectmen

Walter Fairefield William Fiske James Friend Richard Huttn ⌈Richard Dodg⌋ are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing.

Constable

Tho[s] Fiske Jun[r] chosen for Constable for the yere Insueing.

Voated that the accounts of those that have bin imployed about the Settlement of our bounds be referd to a Comitte to take them & allowe them if they be found alloweable or so far as they shall think meet & the said account to be forthwith taken & transmitted to the Select men to make a Rate forthwith & comit it to the Constable to gather forthwith by Comitte is to be understood they or the majr parte of them agreeing shall have power to Issue the matter as abovesaid. Accounts

The Comitte Chosen is James Moulton Richard Huttn & James Friend Samll Kemball & Richard Dodg are the Comittee appointed for the above said worke.

Its voated that the towne shall Shingle our Pastrs house forth[with] as soon as the towne can doe it. Pastor's house

Captin Fisk Charles Gott & Thomas Patch ar Chosen a Comity with the Select men to se that the abovsaid hous be Shingled with all conveniancie.

Thomas Fisk & Charles Gott excep against the Choice & John Fiske is Chosen in his Brothers Roome & Ezeikle Woodward is also added.. (*page 65)

* Forasmuch as the Select men did make an order for the prevention of wast or spoile of our timber till an other order be made tis ordered that whosoever shall fell any oake timber upon any of our Comon without leave from the Select men shall forfit ten shillings per tree to be taken as a fine by the Constable by warrant from the Select men. Timber on the Common

Voated that the Select men have power to see the West Galerie finisht & Seate persons in it always provided that it be don by the persons Cost that shall sit in it & the other also if they think fitt. Meets house

Samll Fiske Senr John Knowlton John Abey Junir John Edwards are Chosen Titheing men for the yere Insueing. Tithing men

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* At a towne meeting 26th: 11th: 80. (*page 42)

Voated that the Comites return about moneyes Expended for mony & time is accepted-- Accounts

that the wholl matter depending betwine the Villiag & our towne is left to the Select men to mañage. The Village (Salem Village)

2d: 11: 1681

Suit with Salem

Its voated that in Referanc to the matter depending betwine Salem & our towne its left to the Select men to prosecute in a Course of Lawe or to agree with Salem upon such termes as they shall think fitt.

(*page 66)

An. Town Meets

Selectmen

Constable

* At a towne meeting this 2d daye of 11th: mo: 1681 John Fiske Charles Gott John Batchelder Thos Patch & Thos Fiske Senir are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing

Henery Haget is Chosen for Constable for the yere Insueing.

Agreemt with the Pastor

Whereas our Pastr propounds to the towne an abatement of ten pounds of his yerly maintainance upon the Condition he maye have twenty pownds in mony & the other twenty pounds according to the former Ingeagment viz: one £ of Butter for every cow the towne agree to the abovesaid proposition for the next yere Insueing.

For an addition to the townes Ingeagment to our Pastr for his wood the towne agree to allowe him fowre Coards more than the last pers Ingeagment which will make thirty Coards in all.

Voated that our Pastrs outsyd fence shall be repaired for this next yere & its left to the Select men to se it don.

John Edwards Tailr Fiske & Samuell Abbey are Chosen for a comitte to see that our Pastrs wood be timely Caryed in upon the penalty of Seaven Shillings per Coard according to the last yers order.

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Surveyors of Highways

* Richard Dodg Alexander Maxey are Chosen for Surveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing

Rate

Its voated that the mony which is put into the mony Rate which as the Select men saye they disburst for the managment of the Cass betwine Samuell Moulton & Joseph Porter in the Cass now depending & is in a Course of Lawe shall be taken out of the Rate—

Lawsuit

Rates

Richard Hutten and William Fiske and Walter Fayerfield and Richard Dodg doth herby declare their decent against the above written voat Samuell Kimball doth decent alsoe.

Also that the abovesaid Rate be made over againe by the Select men leaveing out the mony abovesaid which the towne have agred to leave out.

Its voated that for the time to com there shall be noe mixture of Country & towne Rates together unless the Select men have order from the towne to the Conterary— Mixture of Rates

Its voated that Isack Hull have liberty to Run a fenc from Corner to Corner of his fenc taking in the buiring place upon the Condition that if the towne se cause to fence their buiring place the said Hull shall make one halfe of it ye fenc betwine* the said buiring place & his Land. Fence near the Bury* place

Whereas the widow Geare stand in need of the townes help to maintaine or releve hir its left to the Select men to take care for hir maintainance & to make a Rate upon the Inhabitants of the towne for the defraying of the Cost. (*page 68) Rate for the Widow Geare

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At a meeting of the Select men this 4th: of 11th: 1681

James Moulton John Abbe Senir John Edwards & Samuel Abbe are Appointed for Titheing men for the yere Insueing. Tithing men

Delivered a Country & towne Rate to Constable Tho* Fiske this 4th: 11th: 81 amounting to 12£—16—9 all to be paid in mony. Rates

* At a towne meetting Jan. 9 1681 (*page 46)

Voated that the wholl matter Relating to the Setlment of Bounds betwine Salem & Wenham is left to the Select |men| of the towne Salem bounds

Salem 11th Febr: 1681

This is a true Coppie takn out of the towne |booke| of Salem.

Per John Hathorne
Recorder to the Select men

Wee whose names are underwritten being met together to setle the bound lyne betwine Salem or the Viliag & Wenham as an end of all Claimes & Controversies betwine our townes upon that account have agreed for a full Issue as followeth viz. to begine at Topsfield bounds at Bounds between Wenham and Salem (Salem Village)

or neare Wenham Cawswaye at a white oake there marked & set with stones & so to take the devisionall lyne betwine Joseph Porters farme & Wenham mens land till it comes to the Eastward end of Wenham Caswaye afore said & from thenc to the head or to include all John Leeches farme or land & so from the Eastward parte of the said Leeches land to mak up two hundred and eighty acres from the Eastward end of the caswaye aforesaid to the pine stump at the head of Beverly old lyne & so onwards upon said lyne till ye aforesaid 280 Acres be made up to Wenham in witness whereof we have here unto set our hands—20th Febr: 1681

John Fiske
Thomas Fiske
Charles Gott
Thomas Patch
John Batchelder
Wm Brown Junir
Samuell Gardner Senr
Jno Putnam
Israell Porter
Nath: Putnam
Joseph Hutchinson
Daniell Andrew

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Bounds of R. Braybrooks 20 Acres

* March 1: 1681

The Bounds of Richard Brayebrooks 20 Acres of land in the right of John White are as followeth—

The Select men being upon the place began to measur at John Whits Southeasterly Bound nere Lovets medow & from the edg of the upland they measured about 60 pole Northwesterly upon John Whits lyne according to the fenc where they made a bound & from thenc turning Northeasterly they made a heape of stones for a bound nere the Southeasterly end of a gravely hill & finding no more bounds any further Easterly towards the Sawe Mill they measured from said heape of stones Northeasterly & made a Corner bound & from said Corner turning Southerly to a greate white oake nere the gutter & from thenc turning a little more Southerly to a great rock West-

erly from the Carte path & Severall poles Northerly from Richard Brayebrook frame & from said rock with stones at it |our| bound lyne was stated to the Southeasterly Corner of John Whites aforementioned exempting the medow to the owner & forasmuch as said Braybrooks* |house| was exempted by measure & bounds & left into the Comon the Select men granted him libertie for the standing of it still duering his life time—and the land Adjoyning to the Northeast and Southeast of the above-said twenty acres was left for a highwaye as the Cart waye goeth to the brooke belowe the Sawe Mill.

Thomas Fiske Walter Fairefield W^m^ Fiske
Select men.

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* Delivered to Constable Henery Haget a Rate in mony for Contry & to buy weights amounting to 3—5—0— Dated 14^th^: 2: 82

(*page 69) Rate

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* 20^th^: 2^d^: 1682

(*page 70)

At a towne meetting Walter Fairefield Deacon & Deacon |W^m^| Fiske are appointed to Joyne with the Select men to meet with Topsfield men on frydaye come fortnight next & have full power to setle a |devisionall| lyne betwine Topsfield & our Towne.

Topsfield bounds

In Answer to a warrant for sending three men to Quartermaster Peirking^es^ tomorrow at 10 of the Clock to give theire Subscriptions on the behalfe of the towne against Mr. Masons Claime of of the pretended Terteñants Walter Fairefield Thomas Patch & Thos: Fiske Seni^r^ are apointed to that end.

Mason's Claim

John Fiske Richard Huttn Deacon Fiske Charles Gott Thos: Patch Walter Fairefield & Tho^s^ Fiske Seni^r^ are apointed with full power to Seate persons in our meeting howse from time to time till another order be mad to the Conterary—

Seats in the Meet^g^ house

The question being put |to the towne| whither that land which Thos: Hobbs is in possession of shall be owned to

Thos: Hobbs

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* The word "frame" erased and "house" written over it in the original.

be his |owne| in |Joseph| Robisons or |Mr| Faulkners right was Voated on the negative.

Also twas Voated there shall be 30 Acres of land layd out to Goodman Hobbs Joyning to the howse where he dwell to be for his use till the towne see cause to dispose of it some other wayes & Walter Fairefield Thomas Patch & Thos: Fiske are appointed to laye out the above said 30 Acres of land—

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Beverly & Wenham 600 Acres

* In persuance of an Agreement between Wenham & Beverly bearing date Oct. 22th: 1680 Mr Thorndick Nehemiah Grover Thomas West & John Dodge being sent with full power from the towne of Beverly meett with with the Select men of Wenham sometime in the 2^{d}: month 1682 to measure out & sett the bounds of six hundred Acc^{rs} of Comon to Wenham according to said Agreement: did find about three hundred & sixty Acc^{rs} between Richard Dodges farme and the white oake att the Eastwardley end of pleasant pond Ipswich lyne and the South side of said pond on the one side and longham Meadow on the other side and the Remainder of the above said six hundred Accers they made up Easterly from the above said 360 Acc^{rs} & setled bounds thereunto as followeth viz: from the aboves^{d} white oake at the end of the pond they marked a white oake with W being in or near Manchester lyne and about Twentey poles more then one quarter part of said lyne from the white oake at the pond end and to Chubbs Creek which by Computations was found to be about one hundred and sixtey & nine poles and from thence to a great white oake which the above^{sd} West claimed for his bound which they marked with a W and from thence to another white oake being said Wests bounds & marked it with W. at the Root of which leyeth severall great Rocks: & from thence on South westwardly to said Wests Corner bounds at the Gravelley Ridge and marked it with W:W and from thence so on about Thyrtey & three Rods to a white oake with a heap of stones about it and marked with a W & B and from thence turning towards longham Meadow they marked a red or black oake with W and B & sett a heap of stones

about it and from thence to a little red or black oake by the edge of the meadow & marked it with W and B. and sett a heap of stones about it and so from thence crossing said meadow to the upland on the other side by longham meadow which is the Three hundred and sixtey Acc^{rs} aforesaid—

Memorandum that before the Signing hereof it was agreed as followeth that flaggey meadow with the Island was not measured,—2ly: as to the Three hundred & sixty Acc^{rs} & two hundred and fourtey Acc^{rs} expressed in devitions wheither said Devitions be exactley computed or not we determine not—3ly: the distance between the white oake at the east end of the pond and the white oake marked with W & expressed, standing in or near Manchester Lyne wee doe not determine that said tree standeth exactley att such a distance or not: 4ly: that Ipswich lyne is the bound of said Comon from Richard Dodges farme to the west end of the pond (5ly:) The slipp of meadow by Turnup Swamp Included into Wenham by Crossing as abovesaid was not measured In Wittness of what is above written the persons above expressed have hear unto sett ther hands—

Thomas Fiske	John Dodge
Charles Gott	Paul Thorndick
Walter Fairfield	Thomas West
John Batcheler	Nehemiah Grover

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Bounds of Topsfield

We whose names are underwritten being impowered by our Respective townes viz. Topsfield & Wenham & met together this 5th daye of the third month 1682 to setle a devisionall lyne betwine our townes; have agreed that from a litle tree nere Joseph Porters medow marked with T & W & set about with a heap of stones & from thence to a plump of maples marked which stood Northward from the aforesaid tree & stands by Charles Gotts medow & from thence towards the river according as the brook runs untill it cometh to an Island by the edg of a swamp Joining to a piece of medow cald Pigtons medow & from the West point of said Island by the edg of the meadow till it comes to the West syde of Pigtons medow afore-

said & so including said meadow to Wenham to an Island caled Hutlbery Island & from thene to the East end of said Island including all Walter Fairefields medow to Wenham by a straight lyne & this agreement to be a full setlement of a devisionall lyne betwine our townes & in confirmation thereof we have hereunto set our hands

Tho^{s} Fiske
Walter Fairefield
Charles Got
Tho^{s} Patch
William Fiske
Tho^{s} Baker
Jacob Towne
John How

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Rate Receipt

Rec^{d} May 17th 1682 from Henery Haget in full of Wenhams proportion to ye Rate for the Agent two pounds seaventeen shillings & foure penc

James Russell
Treasur^{r}

That this is a true Coppie compared with the originall Receipt

Attest Tho^{s} Fiske
Recorder

Receipts

March 5th: 82

Rec^{d} from Henery Hagget on the accompt of Wenham Rates five pounds & Ten shillings six penc in mony

Per James Russell

That this is a true Coppie Compared with the original Receipt.

Attest Tho^{s} Fiske
Recorder

Rec^{d} 26th Febrery 1682: of Henery Haget Constable the sume of fifty five shillings & three pence in full of his County Rate: I saye rec^{d}: 2£: 15^{s}: 3^{d}

Per me Rob^{t} Payne
Treasurer

that this is a true Coppie

Attests Tho^{s} Fiske recorder

Receipts

Rec^{d} November 9th 1682 from Thomas Fiske Juni^{r} in full of Wenham Rates for the yere 1600 eighty & one five pounds fourteen shillings 9^{d} in mony I saye received

Per James Russell
Treasurer

That this is a true entry compared with the originall discharge Attests Thomas Fiske
Recorder

Received November 9th 1682 &c from Thomas Fiske Junir. in full of Wenham Rates for the yere 1681 five pounds fourteen shillings 9d in money:
I saye received
Per James Russell
Treasurer

That what is above written is a true Coppie of the originall receipt Attests
Thoe Fiske recorder

These are to Signifie that I have received from Thoe Fiske in full the Rate Comitted to him as Constable for the yere 81 I doe hereby Discharge him of the same in witness whereof I have set my hand this 26 Jan: 85/4
Joseph Gerrish

That what is above written is a true Entry of the origin all receipt
Attests Thoe ffiske recorder

B. Edward's Request as to cutting trees

At a meetting of the Select men 20th of November 1682 Benjamin Edwards Requesting for liberty to fall about 40 small pines with hemlock & ash trees to make a stage the Select men Refers the answer of his request to be made by the towne at the next Genll towne metting—

Accounts

Also Walter Fairefield demanding allowance for his time Expended for the towne for settling of towne bounds &c: the Select men Refers it also to the next towne meetting.

11th: 10th: 82

John Dodge's Saw mill

At a meeting of the Select men John Dodg did agree with them to allowe the towne 18s in mony for the rent of the towns right [of land] where his Sawe mill stand: for this present yeere & to paye said 18s at or before the last daye of march next.

Rates

Delivered to Constable Henery Haget one single Country rate with an addition the wholl—6—5—3 to be payd in mony:

Dated 19th Dec: 1682

Also a Towne rate in mony for the bell with some Addition being 5£—8—8

Dated 19th Dec: 1682

Also a Rate for our Pastors maintainance with 30s |6d| addition all to be paid in mony: ye wholl 21£: 13: 6 Dated Dec. 11: 1682

Also: our Pastors paye rate

Dated Dec. 11: 1682: being with an addition 21: 13: 7d

Also: two single Country rates with a County rate all in paye 14£: 2s—8d

Dated 20th: November 1682

Also a towne rate for ye widdow Geare with some other towne cost 12£: 10s—0

Dated 26th: Dec 1682

Counstable Haget hath Collected the above said bell rate & paid according to order

As also the widow Geare Rate for 5£

An. Town Meets

At a towne meetting the first daye of the 11th mo: 1682:

Selectmen

William Fiske, Charles Gott Richard Huttn Samuell Kemball & Thos: Fiske Senir: are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing

Constable

Robert Hibbert Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Surveyors of Highways

Ensigne John Fiske & John Abbey Junir are Chosen for Serveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing

J. Leech &c. admitted

John Leech Thos: Killim Mordicai Larcom & Joseph Batchelder are accepted townesmen to have towne priviledg—

John Edwards hath a towne priviledg granted him as an Inhabitant

Also Benjamin Edwards hath acceptanc of a towns man & that there is towne priviledg granted to the howse or sittiuation of his father Rice Edwards

Thos Kemball is accepted a townsman & hath towne priviledg granted him

Thos Patch accepted a towns man & to have towne priviledg

John Abbey Junir is accepted for a towns man & hath towne priviledg granted him.

* Voated that the towne shall procure one paire of sheets one good blanket & two shifes & two wastcoats for the widow Geare. (*page 77) Widow Geare

Its voated that Edward Dodge shall have that parcill of upland within his stone wall Joyning to his medow neare long ham Bridg being about one acre more or less upon the Condition he paye to the towne three pound in Indian Corne rye or wheate—within one fortnight. Grant to Edwd. Dodge

Edward Dodg
his marke

Also its voated that the Select men shall take the above said three pound & there with releive the widow as above said Widow Geare

Upon a proposition made by Mr Gerish for an exchang of his 12 acres of land for the ministry house & land &c: Its left to the Select men John Fiske John Batchelder James Friend |& Walter Fairefield| to be a Comitte to Consider of the matter & make a report to the towne who will give Answer to the proposition. Exchange with Mr. Gerrish

* In referance to our Pastrs maintainanc for the yere Insueing its voated that he shall have fifty pound ten pound whereof in mony & the other fortie pound according to the townes former ingeagment. (*page 78) Pastor's Maintenance

Also tis voated that our Pastr shall have 30 Coards of wood for the yere Insueing—& John Porter John Barr Benjamin Edwards & Thos Fiske Junir are Chosen to see that our Pastrs wood rate be paid in & the former order to stand in force both for the time of the payment & upon the same peñalty.

Mr. Newman alleadging that there is Considerab[le] due to him upon the account of rates made for his late fathers maintainance the Towne hath Appointed Deacon Fiske Walter Fairefield & Thos: Fiske Senir: to se that said rates be paid in & if ther be any parte that is not Capeable to be got in to make a returne there of to the towne who will take further order about it. Mr. Newman's Rates

* John Dodg being willing to set up a Corne mill where his Sawe mill stand. &c: the towne refers the Considera- (*page 79) John Dodge's Corn Mill

tion of his proposition to the Select men who are desierd to Give in theire apprehensions about the matter at the next towne meetting who are to give answer to the said proposition.

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* 2d Daye of 12th mo: 1682

Bounds of John Dodge's land

|The Select mens returne of| John Dodg his bounds of his land on the South syd of the river: viz from a white oake marked on 4 sydes standing belowe the mill & so to the brooke & medow till it cometh to John Edwards his Corner next the river being a white oake marked with D & so taking John Edwards his bounds to a tree blowne up by the roots wth a stake and heape of stones & from thenc to a white oake onwards still about twenty poales marked D which is said Dodge his Corner bounds & so turning about Northeasterly to a red oake marked on 4 syds & a heape of stones about it & from thence to a white oake marked on 4 syds & D which is the Northeasterly Corner & from thenc to a stooping white oake neare the river by the highwaye over at the Grape Vine marked on 4 sydes & D & from thenc Crossing the brook to a litle red oake on the North syd of sayd brook marked on 4 syds & with D & so takeing the edg |or bottom| of the hill for his bounds till it Com to a white oake marked on 4 syds being the bounds of his 15 acres which

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lyeth on the North syd of said brooke & so running Northerly to a red oake marked on 4 syds & from thence to a stake & heape of stones about * 12 rod from said red oake & from thenc turning towards John Bares fenc to a stake & heape of stones & from thenc turning to a cloven rock neere the river above the mill alwayes provided that the said John Dodg shall allowe an opn road from the ford belowe his mill to John Edwards his land of two poles in bredth as also a conveyant waye from his corner bounds below his mill cross his land on the South syd of the brook to goe to long ham bridg: for carts & sleds &c: & to allowe conveynant barrs or gates to said road: & also to allowe liberty to John & Benjamin Edwards & theire succesrs to Goe over said Dodg his land with Carts & Sleds to the Comon: provided they doe not Damnifie

him & he |& his succesors| to have the like liberty over theire land: it is to be understood that in satisfaction of high wayes above mentioned & some other removeing of bounds alridy doñ John Dodg shall have all that strip of land from long ham bridg within Richard Dodg his fenc & so betwine the medow & the edg of the land ordainirly flowed by the mill till it come to the highwaye over the brook by the Grap vine* tis to be understood that twas ntended that land w^th^in Richard Dodg^es^ fence & from the corner of said fence to a dead white oake marked on four syds & from thenc turning towards the medow to a Red oake w^th^ stones above it marked on four syds North westerly standing by a greate rock & from thenc upon a Square to the brooke. (*page 83)

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*Pay^d^ to Jn^o^ Leech 1682 by a Towne rate for Widow Geare— —1^s^—8^d^ (*page 4) Rates, &c.

It. by our Past^rs^ money Rate —3^s^—0–

It. by a mony Country & towne rate 0—10^d^

It. by the bell rate —0—9^d^

It. by a County rate —2—0

It by Leuetenant Dodg —13^s^ in money w^ch^ s^d^ Lech ordered to Thos: Fiske Senir:

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paid to John Leech in paye by Country rate 2^s^ (*page 5)

in the bell rate mony 9^d^

It. to a single Country rate in mony 10^d^

to M^r^ Gerish^es^ mony rate 3^s^

to widow Geares rate 1^s^—8^d^

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* 14^th^: 1 mo 1682/3

At a towne meeting our Past^r^ Mr Gerish Propoundeth an Exchang with the towne viz. his 12 acres of land sometime Deacon Geares together with that 40^£^ ingeaged to Mrs Gerish in Cass &c: as also w^t^ he hath bestowd or disburst upon Repaireations of the towne howse &c: for & in Consideration of the Towne howse w^ch^ he liveth in with the Land Appirtainning thereunto with the Appirtainances (*page 47) Exchange with Mr. Gerrish

The Towne Being desireous to incourag him in the worke of the ministry amongst us see meett to make the Town House

above said Exchange being satisfied with w[t] he declared freely: that he will not remove from us for his Advantag.

Voted on the affirmative.

Also tis voated that Mr Gerish shall have the use of the above said Twelve acres of Land so long as he remaineth our minister the towne being freed of the Cost of fencing of it.

Also tis Voated that said 12 acres of Land shall remaine in fee simple to the towne & shall not be Disposed of viz: the fee simple of it without the Consent of every Inhabitant of the towne w[ch] have Libertie by Lawe to Vote.

(*page 72) Receipt

* Rec[d] April 24[th]: 1683 &c from Henery Hagget Constable of Wenham by Corne & Disbursments elevn pounds one shilling in Country paye in full of theire Rates w[ch] he was to Collect.

Per James Russell
Treasur[r]

That this a true Coppie Compard with the originall Receip[t]

Attests Tho[s] Fiske
Recorder.